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Tributes to tragic father in M5 crash

TRIBUTES have been paid to a delivery driver and father from Dudley who died in a smash on the M5.

David Smith, aged 37, was killed when his articulated lorry left the carriageway and overturned.

Mr Smith, who was married with children, has been described by neighbours in Russells Hall Road as "a dedicated family man."

He had bred Siberian Huskies for many years and worked nights as a lorry driver for City Link.

Mr Smith had been travelling from Coventry when the crash happened at around 1.30am on Friday, June 1 on the southbound carriageway between junction 11a for Cheltenham and junction 12 for Gloucester.

A statement released by City Link said: "We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to David's wife and family."

Neighbours of Mr Smith in Russells Hall Road have spoken of their shock at the news.

A family friend, who had known Mr Smith for around three years, said: "It was a great shock. He was generous and kind man who would do anything for anyone." A police investigation is under way and City Link said it was also looking into the circumstances.

Mundon, 78, is retiring

BLACK Country comedian Tommy Mundon is retiring after nearly 60 years of making the region laugh.

Tommy, aged 78, who lives in Halesowen, is one of the region's most popular entertainers, with Liverpool funnyman Ken Dodd among his admirers.

Last year Tommy revealed he was in the early stages of Parkinson's disease. His wife Val said ill health had forced him to quit the stage.

"He hasn't been well for some time, and he's been forced into retiring."

BEACON SHINES AS PEOPLE PARTY



Residents of Charles Road, Halesowen get together to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

FROM traditional street parties to shining beacons, the jubilee spirit was in full swing across Halesowen.

Union flags were out and bunting up as thousands turned out to honour the Queen's milestone of 60 years on the throne.

While more than 400 cubs, scouts and beavers from the Halesowen District gathered to see a beacon lit at the Clent Hills.

The country's youngest Olympic torchbearer, Halesowen schoolboy Dominic MacGowen, lit a beacon on top of Dudley Castle. "There aren't many people who

by Heather Large and Adam Burling

can say they have done this and carried the Olympic torch. I'm very proud," said the 11-year-old, who is a student at Leasowes Community College.

Bash

Residents in Charles Road pulled out all the stops for their bash – the latest in a long line of street parties for royal occasions.

Parties have been held to mark the Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilees as well as Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding. Scores of people gathered to enjoy food and drink as well as

games, street dancing and Zumba.

A sit-down children's party also took place for 50 youngsters, who got to play on a bouncy castle. Brian North, aged 73, and his wife Ann helped to organise the event. "The street looked wonderful, there was bunting everywhere."

"We are known for our parties as we've held some pretty big ones in the past."

"We held one for Charles and Diana's wedding when we all gathered around the Charles Road sign for a photograph," said Mrs North.

Around 100 people attended a street party in Glendale Close, Halesowen, which raised money for Halesowen Scout and Guide Association.

It was organised as part of the Big



Dudley Mayor, Councillor Melvyn Mottram and the country's youngest Olympic torch bearer, Halesowen student Dominic MacGowen, light the Diamond Jubilee beacon

Lunch event. Families also flocked to Huntingtree Park on Saturday for a jubilee Games in the Park event.

There was the chance for adults and children to play ball games and browse stalls in the Healthy Hub building.

Patriotic

More than 60 people also joined in the festivities with a street party, in Haden Road, Tipton.

Visitors turned up in their hundreds on Tuesday for a day of patriotic fun at Dudley's Black Country Living Museum.

A traditional street party was set up in the attraction's village which was filled with Union flags and bunting while people sat down for a fish and chip meal.

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Man sent to jail for stabbing Alsatian

A MAN who stabbed a much-loved dog to death in front of its owner has been jailed for nearly two-and-a-half years.

Simon Follos, aged 38, attacked the German shepherd outside his home in Abbey Street, Lower Gornal, while arguing with the pet's owner Wayne Bird.

Tyson, the 12-year-old pet, died after going into convulsions. The death sparked an outcry in the community.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Follos and Tyson's owner Mr Bird had fallen out.

Follos had already threatened to stab Mr Bird and a row started, which ended in Mr Bird punching Follos in the head, said Mr Bernard Linnemann, prosecuting.

Later that day, Follos threatened to cut Mr Bird's throat, the court heard. They argued and, when Tyson began to bark, Follos "calmly" stabbed the dog in the ribcage. The dog died shortly after.

Mr Timothy Talbot-Webb, defending, said Follos, who suffers mental health problems.

Follos, who admitted the charges, was jailed for two years for possessing a bladed article, five months for causing unnecessary suffering to an animal, to run concurrently, and five months for criminal damage by destroying a dog.

School will pay respects

A SCHOOL will close for a day so grieving pupils and staff can attend the funeral of a popular eight-year-old who died just hours after an asthma attack.

Counsellors were brought in at Fairhaven Primary, Wordsley, near Stourbridge, to comfort Owen Jeremy's friends and teachers as the sad news of the tragedy was broken to them. Headteacher Dave Rowe, decided to close the school as a mark of respect on June 15.

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Lucy and Max Davenport, aged eight and four respectively, with Charlie the Cheeky Monkey in Halesowen



Guests enjoy a traditional street party for the Jubilee at the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley



Dressed to impress from left, Aiden Mullings, aged four, Ellie Millings, eight, and Sophie Mullings, five, in Halesowen

British spirit parties on for the Queen despite the rain

A GREAT British spirit shone through the clouds and persistent rain across the region as thousands of revellers rallied to ensure Diamond Jubilee events were a huge success.

Event organisers moved their celebrations indoors when the heavens opened up, while others deployed marquees and gazebos to protect revellers out to toast the Queen's magnificent milestone.

While some events fell victim to the unseasonal downpour, street party organisers across the Black Country and Staffordshire ploughed on.

Many erected gazebos and fired-up portable heaters to keep partygoers warm and dry, while others simply ignored the rain.

Meanwhile, others rallied together and rushed to move their celebrations indoors, determined not to be beaten by the weather. More than 100 people attended a celebration in Manderston Close, Dudley.

Expecting a downpour, organisers pitched six gazebos to protect partygoers.

Railway health and safety manager, Stuart Williams, aged 40, who had helped to organise the event, said: "We wanted the party to go ahead whatever the weather. It's a great way for everybody to get to know each other and have a good chat."

Haden Hill House at Cradley Heath enjoyed a nostalgic look back to the 1950s as the attraction staged a family fun day with live music and children's entertainment.

Special church services were held across the Dudley borough to pay tribute to the Queen. A service of thanksgiving was held at Christ Church, in Quarry Bank, followed by a bring and share lunch on Sunday.

Patriotic

Diamond Jubilee celebrations went down well with Dudley Zoo staff when chief executive Peter Suddock played host in the Queen Mary Suite.

Jubilee fare included patriotic cupcakes served on a silver plated cakestand, with matching teapot, dating back to the zoo's opening in 1937. Mr Suddock said: "The tea service is one of dozens that were in use in the restaurants across the site during those

early years. They may look good but it takes forever to polish them."

"We have very fond memories of the Queen's visit to Dudley Zoo 18 years ago on June 24, 1994 and have sent our best wishes to Her Majesty for the Diamond Jubilee."

Hundreds turned up for a day of patriotic fun at Dudley's Black Country Living Museum on Tuesday.

A traditional street party was set up in the attraction's village, with people taking their seats to be served traditional fish and chips.

Lyndsey Jones, 35, of Bloxwich, took along her daughters Lily, seven, and eight-year-old Emily.

She said: "We have had a really good time. It takes you back to the way things used to be. It has been a day to remember."

Meanwhile more than 200 packed out Brookmoor Primary School, in Brierley Hill, for a traditional day of fun while residents dressed in red, white and blue played games, including pin the tail on the corgi, at a street party held at Overend Methodist Mission, in Banners Lane, Cradley.

But while British spirit shone through and ensured events went ahead, some cele-

brations across Staffordshire and the Black Country did fall victim to the rain.

A party and fun day due to take place in Brunswick Park, Brunswick Road, Wednesbury was cancelled. It is due to rescheduled for two weeks time. Residents in Greenwood Park, Aldridge, Walsall, also put up marquees and gazebos to ensure their street party could go ahead.

Heaters

In Sandwell, residents in Riding Close, West Bromwich set-up gazebos and heaters to help keep them warm and dry.

Organiser Brent Cooper, a 52-year-old engineer and father-of-two said: "Living in England, we are used to rain and I think if you planned your life around the weather then you would never get anything done. Everybody wanted to carry on with the party and have a good time."

"We put up the gazebos and heaters so people could shelter from the rain."

More than 60 people also joined in the festivities with a street party, in Haden Road, Tipton. Mother-of-three Nicki Price, aged 36, who helped to organise the event, said: "We all had a great time."

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Enjoying a street party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee are residents at Haden Road, Tipton, including, seated, organiser Di Rawle, with Chloe Walford, aged four



Katie Hardings and Jordan Pearson, both aged 15, from Halesowen enjoy watching the Clent Beacon being lit which organised by Halesowen Scout District and the National Trust



Residents gather for their Jubilee street party in Glendale Close, Halesowen. At the head of proceedings are king and queen of the party Pat and Fred Willetts



Tony Pipkin, Ron Banks and Peter Carlton from Jazz Ramblers at Haden Hill House, Halesowen



Michelle Hadfield from Halesowen showing her patriotism during the Jubilee celebrations at Haden Hill House



Reception class at Tenterfields Primary School, Halesowen enjoying their jubilee festivities. They made scones, flags and crowns and had a visit from "Queen Elizabeth"



Ready to party at Overend Methodist Church, Banner Street, Cradley are from left, Margaret and Keith Bradley, the Reverend David Alford, Councillor Jill Nicholls and Hana Bakalikova with three-year-old Lukas Kuzel



Patricia Williams with Sydney Griffin and Frankie Samson, and their corgi, Jen, in Halesowen getting into the spirit of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

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A LARGISH lady came wobbling down the street towards me with a T-shirt which seemed to have a life of its own and had the slogan: "Make Cupcakes, Not War." I would not mind betting that, in the past 50 years, sugar has killed far more Brits than war.

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IN FACT, the wartime civilian generation which survived on a low-sugar, low-fat diet of just 1,200 calories a day from 1939-45 is one of the fittest we have ever produced. This explains why there are so many of them still about.

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I FEEL sorry for those Olympic flame bearers who are being pilloried for trying to sell their torches on eBay. The argument seems to be that making money is at odds with the Olympic ideal. Poppycock. From the massive salaries awarded to the organisers, to the vast sponsorship deals for those famous health-food companies Cadbury and Coca-Cola, the 2012 Olympics is 100 per cent about money.

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WE ALL remember the number plate of our first car (CNP 464, since you ask), but a survey this week reveals that one-third of British drivers cannot give the number of their present vehicle. No surprises there. The new format (BG60FLR, etc) was launched on the promise that it would be easier to remember. We knew at the time it was a Whitehall whopper and now the truth is revealed.

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A READER paints this charming picture of Britain in sunshine. The band was playing in her town square. Grown-ups and toddlers sat on the walls to watch the show. The local drug dealers arrived, smiling cheerfully in the sunshine and began flogging dope to their regulars. And although everyone could see the buying and selling of drugs in the broadest of broad daylight, the band played on. The police band, since you ask.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Memories flood back at pit centenary gathering

MORE than 80 people gathered to mark the 100th anniversary of the Baggeridge Colliery swinging into full-time production.

Memories came flooding back as some met for the first time in more than 50 years at the tea shop in the beauty spot where the colliery used to stand.

The Baggeridge Colliery, near Sedgley, closed in 1968. The land was later turned into the country park that now bears its name.

Dave Daly, who owns the cafe, organised a special reunion to commemorate the old pit and the people who worked there.

Among those looking back was former haulage worker Gordon Bunn, aged 73, who bumped into Barry Hickman, who he used to work alongside but had not spoken to since he left in 1956.

Memories

Mr Bunn, of Coningsby Drive, Kidderminster, said: "It was strange seeing someone you had not seen for all these years and it brought back a lot of memories."

The family of the late Arthur Beddard gathered to pay tribute to the colliery veteran who spent most of his working life down the pit. Mr Beddard, who lived in High Street, Sedgley, started at the colliery aged 14 in 1908 and worked his way up from a pit boy to mines deputy.

His grand-daughters and daughter-in-law took along photos of Mr Beddard and said they were "very proud" of his career.

Valerie Ruddall said the colliery



Arthur Beddard set to work in 1908

was her grandfather's "lifeblood" and added: "Not enough is said about the men that worked here."

"It was very important to the area and it was devastating when it closed."

Working in the colliery was a tradition for the Cartwright family, with five brothers and their father James all earning a living there at the same time in the 1950s.

Claude Cartwright, 80, of Lyndon Close, Sedgley, was a haulage worker there for 10 years from 1958, and was joined by his brothers Bert, Bernard, Roy and Gordon - who was killed when he was crushed by a coal



Arthur Beddard's relatives Chris Hanson, Valerie Ruddall, Margaret Beddard and Elizabeth Holbrook

truck in Enville High Street after leaving his job in the pit for a job with the National Coal Board.

The reunion was the first time Claude had visited the site since his days down the pit, and he said it felt "marvellous".

Dangerous

He quit after his wife, Anne, became concerned the job was too dangerous, and he admits he would have "stayed for life" otherwise.

Keith Mann, 68, made the 120-mile trip from his home in Newtown, Powys, Wales, to meet up with his old pals Vic Smallshire, 67,



Mining brothers Bernard and Claude Cartwright

and Dennis Leyshow, 82. The three former surveyors have kept in touch, and Mr Smallshire, who is now chairman of Dudley Canal Trust, said: "Once you work in a pit you are mates for life."

Mr Daly said he was "delighted" with the turnout and vowed to set up similar events in the future.

He said: "They started digging at the colliery in 1902 but it was 1912 before it was in full production."

"I decided that, as it is now 100 years since the colliery was in full swing, we should keep the history going by holding a commemorative event," he added.

Filming project to create old vase

A BOOK and film are being compiled about a project to create replicas of historic vases at a glass centre.

Staff at the Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbridge, are working on new designs of the Portland Vase which dates to 25AD, the Amphora Portland Vase and the Auldjo Jug ready for the International Festival of Glass in August, which coincides with the 400th year of glassmaking in the town.

Expert Richard Golding has already created the blanks which are now being carved by cameo glass engraver Terri Colledge.

The project is nearing completion and the whole process has been filmed for documentary to be released on dvd later this year.

Graham Fisher, a member of the British Glass Foundation, is also writing a book on how the work came about.

The Portland Vase will be unveiled at an event at Hagley Hall in August.

Flower festival

A FLOWER festival themed around the Olympics is being held to raise cash for the restoration of a Kingswinford church. The event at St Mary's Church in runs from July 13 to 16 and will feature displays based on "the Olympic dream", celebration services and a concert by Phoenix West Midlands Brass.

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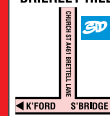
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Outdoor gym now open for visitors

A NEW outdoor gym has opened to the public at Stevens Park, Quarry Bank. The gym, which has been funded through the Dudley Healthy Towns project, includes a variety of resistance-based equipment that is free to use at anytime.

Dudley Council hopes residents will use it to improve their health and fitness and that the gym equipment will boost visitors to the park.

The project funding has also enabled free gym instruction and fitness sessions at the park, which will be led by the healthy towns park rangers.

Green fit, which is a gentle outdoor exercise session, runs every Wednesday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and every Thursday from 10am to 11am.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "The gym equipment is a fantastic addition to Stevens Park and it is already proving very popular."

"Dudley Council offers a wide variety of physical activity for our residents."

Free gym inductions can be arranged by calling Kim Braznell on 01384 816992.

Air your views

RESIDENTS in the Castle and Priory area of Dudley can air views at a meeting on June 18 at the town's police station at 7pm.

Residents lose their battle over access time to quarry

CHANGES to the time lorries can enter a Kingswinford quarry have been approved despite objections from people living nearby.

Bosses at Ketley Quarry had submitted a planning application to alter the earliest arrival time for loaded vehicles at its Dudley Road entrance from 8am to 7.30am.

The planning application, which will keep the arrival time for unloaded lorries at 7.30am, was given the go-ahead by Dudley council planners last night.

No changes will be made to the time loaded lorries are allowed to enter through the Ketley Road entrance and this will remain at 8am.

There had been 21 letters of objection from people living near the site who were concerned about the noise.

Shirley Godwin of Fairview Crescent said: "The noise spoils our quality of life."

Councillor Peter Miller, who also objected to the plans, said: "If you go out at 7.10am you will see lorries thundering down the road before the permitted time."

But Andy Morris, speaking on behalf of applicant WCL Quarries Ltd, said lorries arriving at 7.30am would be able to enter the

By Heather Large

compound at the site where they would wait until operations began.

He told the committee that at the moment many of the lorries parked along the street while waiting for the site to open, so allowing them to enter the compound would take them off the road.

"We will be carrying out noise reduction works," he added.

Councillor Hazel Turner said: "If this is just about bringing the lorries into the compound, I think this would be a much better option than having lorries queuing up the road."

Committee chairman Councillor Rachel Harris said: "The highway considerations make common sense. It does not affect the starting time for operations."



Pensioner Beatrice Wattis has been left devastated after vandals dug up her garden

Vandals wreck garden

A PENSIONER says she has been left devastated after vandals dug up turf and pulled out flowers in her front garden.

Beatrice Wattis, aged 77, from Sedgley woke up on Friday two weeks ago to find that her lawn had been damaged and plants missing following the bizarre overnight raid.

The retired nurse, who has lived in Lomond Road for 27 years, had been in the garden the evening before the vandalism, but heard nothing overnight when it took place.

She said: "I can't believe someone has done this to my garden."

"I'd just got some new flowers and planted them, so to find the garden in such a mess the next day was so sad."

Miss Wattis said garden furniture was also taken in the attack, but later found in a neighbour's garden.

Police are investigating the vandalism.

NEWS in brief

MP James chairs business group

A BLACK Country MP has chaired the first meeting of a new cross-party group set up to support business.

The All Party Parliamentary Group for Trade and Investment, chaired by MP for Stourbridge Margot James, was formed to research and inform debate over how best to support British exporters, particularly smaller firms, and encourage foreign investment into the UK.

The group also aims to promote trade and to enable links between parliamentarians, industry and government in the UK and abroad. Miss James said she was delighted the group had been formed.

Paperweight festival back

THE annual Paperweight Day returns to the glass museum at Kingswinford's Broadfield House Glass Museum on Saturday.

Scottish glassmaker William Manson is the star attraction this year and he will be demonstrating his paperweight-making skills. The day will run from 10am and admission is free. For more details call 01384 812745.

Union is to meet

HAGLEY Mothers' Union will join in the Deanery Festival at St Leonard's Church, Clent, on June 20 at 2.30pm. On July 25, members will visit Colwall, near Malvern.

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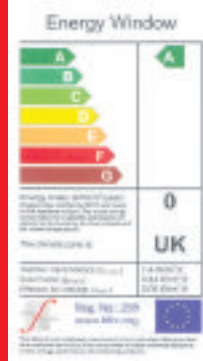
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Roadworks bring trade fears for shopkeepers

TRADERS in Kingswinford fear business will plummet during a four-day road closure.

Shopkeepers have been left fuming after signs went up saying Market Street would be closed southbound for roadworks.

The stretch, on the main route between Wolverhampton and Stourbridge, will be shut from today (June 7) until Sunday.

Dudley Council will close the southbound carriageway in Market Street, from its junction with High Street. The road will be closed for a distance of 100 metres for workers to install a new pedestrian refuge.

But traders say the work could not have been scheduled at a worse time as Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays are the town's busiest trading days.

Deborah Lester, of antiques store The Old Curiosity Shop, said: "This is in the week before Father's Day and a time when a lot of people would be coming in to buy presents."

Helena Pike, of Daisy Chain florists, said: "The first we knew about this was when the signs went up. If you are given good warning you can reduce the amount of stock you order when there is a chance of disruption. We have not been able to do that."

A council spokeswoman said the authority would try to minimise disruption as much as possible.

Hunt for young talent

TALENTED youngsters in Dudley are being invited to showcase their singing and dancing skills in a Britain's Got Talent-style competition. Auditions for Bramford's Got Talent start next month.

The contest includes a series of free workshops including dance, drama and vocal coaching from an industry professional.

The winner of the free-to-enter competition, which is aimed at ages 17 and under, will get £500. To take part email a name, age, talent and contact details to bramfordtalent@gmail.com or call 01902 665105.

Harley's hope for home



Nicky Hales with Harley the Neopolitan Mastiff who needs a new home

MEET Harley, the large and lovable dog, who is on the lookout for a new home.

The three-year-old has been cared for by Wood Farm Kennels and Cattery, in Gospel End Road, Sedgley, since his owners went

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LETTERS

Getting the best of both worlds

HOW interesting to find following the recent council elections and subsequent changes, doubt is cast over what is an ideal solution to many years spent attempting to find a home for the world renowned Heathens speedway team.

The proposed castle gate site is ideal since it is within the leisure quarter of the town and well away from housing, which has been a major concern when attempting to find a suitable site. It will sit well alongside the castle/zoo and Black Country Living Museum and add to visitor numbers at those attractions and also created custom for pubs and restaurants. Could the new venue

provide a new home for Dudlet Town given its proximity to their former home, in addition to Gornal Athletic?

The other proposal for the site of a 160 bedroom hotel could easily be sited elsewhere, but a home for the Heathens has proved a lot more difficult to find.

A potential site for a hotel could be that proposed for the failed mosque application. This is visible and easily reached from the by-pass and could help to minimise the effect the proposed castle gate hotel would have on the existing establishments.

The plan for a joint entrance for the zoo and museum need not be compro-

mised by the new stadium, although the need for the entrance should only be pursued when the two attractions are sensibly merged to make one world class attraction.

If the council intends to work with the Heathens to find a new home, it should consider the problem this has already caused and not miss what could be the last opportunity they have before momentum is lost. There may well be a plan for Castle Gate, but plans can be refined and Dudley could end up with the best of both worlds.

STEVE ASTON

Fourth generation Dudley resident

Not right example to set for children

WE speak about no respect in today's society. I saw a great example when I took my grand-daughters to the playground at Haden Hill Park and bowls centre.

My girls where playing in the play area when a group of young parents, pushing prams, came into the inner play ground.

It was good to see young children on the various swings and slides with mom and dad.

The men suddenly all left and went onto the lovely bowling green and proceeded to play football on the green with the bowls only sign right in front of them.

Then I noticed moms and dads all had bottles of Alcopops in their hands.

A lovely example to the children of respect!

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What achievement for the Finch family

THE people of Dudley have returned a Labour council again. Well done! I am also pleased that for the Mayor of Dudley, they have chosen a gentleman from Coseley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram.

I have great affection for the area having worked for the former Coseley Council in the housing department from 1952 to 1966 when it got broken up. Also my wife is a Coseley girl. I was Dudley born and moved down to the Wrens Nest with my parents, living in Willow Road from 1937-99. I had the pleasure of growing up with some of the best pals anyone could ever meet and two of my pals are Ken Finch, who became mayor of this town, and now his brother who is knocking on the same door. Best of luck Alan, I know if your mum and dad where with you today, they would be very proud of you. What an achievement for this family.

If this did happen we would all be proud of you both, I know I would and what an achievement for the Wrens Nest School, knowing you were taught there. Good luck Alan, we are keeping our fingers crossed.

MR L LANGFORD
Beech Green, Dudley

So invisible

REGARDING the marina in Swindon and the fears about parking due to the increased number of berths. I read with interest the planning officers telling us who live in the village how beneficial it will be. Who are these invisible people? It is already a village swamped by traffic and dangerous to cross the road. We all know that when planning decisions are found to be wanting, all those wise planning officers tend to hide their heads in the sand.

TONY HICKLING
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Reunion plea

I CAN'T believe it's over 50 years since I left Halesowen Technical School and would love to meet old classmates from C5 who left in 1960. I have found four out 32. It is difficult when they probably now have different married surnames but there must be some of us left. Contact me on 01902 687788 so we can arrange a get-together before we get too old!

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Plea on stolen mountain bikes

THREE specialist mountain bikes worth thousands of pounds have been stolen from a garage in Stourbridge.

Police are appealing for help tracing the bikes, which were taken from a property in Hungry Hill in Pedmore.

One of the bikes was a four-week-old Van-Nicholas Mistral with a titanium silver frame, 26in wheels and Fulcrum tyres.

The second was a red and black Giant with a missing saddle.

The third was a grey-coloured Genius with 26in wheels.

They were taken between May 18 and 20. Pcs Robert Wragg said: "These bikes are all quite unusual so it's likely that people would remember them if they had seen them."

Anyone with information call 101.

Benefit con woman is told to repay £18,000 or face prison

A CONGOLESE woman, who was part of a gang that illegally cashed £120,000 in Government cheques in Dudley, will have to pay back £18,000 within six months or face a year's jail.

Samu Yagien made £57,000 from her involvement in the scam, which was headed by her husband, Wawe. The gang forged benefit and tax credit cheques and cashed them at

post offices in the UK including Dudley, Blackheath, Wolverhampton, Oldbury and Bromsgrove.

Yagien tried to claim the money she made had come from land she had sold in Africa, the sale of jewellery left to her by her mother and from her own employment.

But a judge has ruled it was as a result of criminal activity and has ordered her to pay some of it back. Yagien, aged 42, was convicted of two counts of benefit fraud in 2010 while eight other defendants,

including her husband, were charged with other fraud offences, at proceeds of crime hearing at Birmingham Crown Court was told.

The crimes took place between November 2008 and May 2010. Wawe Yagien was jailed for 38 months. His wife got a 12-week term, suspended for two years.

The court heard an investigation found, Samu Yagien, from London, had 14 bank accounts, some in the names of her children. During the probe, she claimed some money was

as a result of jewellery sales, the sale of land and from donations made at a church where she was treasurer.

But Judge John Burbridge dismissed the claims at last week's hearing and ordered her to pay back £18,313 within six months. Her total benefit was £57,171.

Following the case, Rick Hearn, from the Department for Work and Pensions fraud investigation team, said cheques were now more routinely paid electronic transfer to prevent fraud.

Students' dance with a difference

Two dance students have choreographed moves with a difference – for a robot.

Jack Wallace and Pippa Coley, both aged 17, designed the dance moves for their robot as part of the Halesowen College exchange programme with a school in Trento, Italy.

They opened a competition hosted in Riva on Lake Garda with the special dance routine. A group of students visited Italy as part of the exchange which always has an IT theme. The college and the Antonia Tambosi School have been holding exchange visits for several years.

Pippa said: "This was a totally different task which was really enjoyable. Both Jack and I have learned a lot and it was great to involve dance in the project." Pippa lives in Quarry Bank and is a former pupil of Thorns School and Community College while Jack comes from Oldbury.

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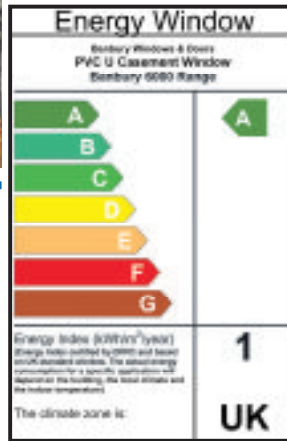
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They carried soldiers into war, were messengers relaying post from town to town, ploughed the soil, moved goods and people and, without the horse, the Industrial Revolution might very well have spluttered to a halt!

Horses were the engines of the 1900s and horsepower drove forward the economic might of the Black Country. They were used as



By Fiona Carding of the Black Country Living Museum

draught animals to haul narrow boats loaded with goods on the canals, drag heavy coal carts and pull trams, carriages, milk floats, delivery wagons and fire engines.

Shire horses and Clydesdales were the 'front wheel' drive articulated lorries of the 20th century!

Half leg ponies, (those that stood around 14 to 15 hands high) were used as cart horses, boat horses, bank horses and in some areas pit ponies. Bank horses (known as bonk 'osses) would stay at the base of the hill all day in readiness to

haul heavy cargo to the top of the hill - for a modest fee!

The tip cart was widely used in those days delivering sand, steel, coal and limestone.

Diane Easthope, horse-handler at Black Country Living Museum said: "One horse had to pull up to 3ton of weight. Tip cart's had to be loaded carefully - if the weight was too far back it could lift the horse off the ground. If it was too far forward it could push the horse over."

Horse drawn canal boats were used on the waterways - the 'original motorway' system of the Black Country. These were long distance journeys and all the family would be on board.

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More than 70 vehicles packed on the P2 car park at Dudley site which was transformed into an American-style movie drive-in.

A huge screen allowed fans to watch the film with the sound broadcast through their car radios on a special frequency.

To add an authentic touch staff from shops in the centre dressed up as Pink Ladies and T-Birds while carrying trays of cookies, ice cream and popcorn.

Moviegoers piled into their cars to watch the film with the sound broadcast through their car radios on a special frequency.

A huge cheer went up across the entire park as the film started at around 9.15am.

And voices could be heard singing along to the classic songs from the very beginning.

Fans Natalie Roberts, aged 24, of Sutherland Grove, Jennifer Thelwell, 23, of The Wheatlands, both Perton and Becky Smith, 25, of Belencroft Gardens, were among the first to arrive. They were given a space next to the screen after winning a competition.

Natalie said: "We are all big fans of the film and have really been looking forward to seeing it on the big screen."

"We thought we would get here early so we could have a bite to eat first and do some shopping. It has been a really great atmosphere."

The event has raised more than £1,200 for the Rollercoasters charity.



Jacky Wright, Lewis Bannister, and Joanne Meakin serving snacks



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Promise of parade to celebrate boat build

A £1.3 MILLION powerboat being built in Dudley for a round-the-world record attempt will be paraded through the town's streets once it has been made.

Alex Ross

Adventurer Alan Priddy has promised to put on a party and show off the 90ft long and 16ft wide boat, called Accomplish More, in return for the support he says he has received from the community.

However, the finishing time for the boat has been delayed following a suspected arson at the factory where it is being built in Brierley Hill on May 22.

Although the boat was not damaged in the blaze, Mr Priddy and his staff have been unable to work for two weeks while police carry out forensic checks at the six-storey high building, owned by steel firm Micklewrights Structures.

It is now thought the boat, which is hoped will break a 61-day record, will not be ready for at least another eight weeks.

Mr Priddy said: "With

every day which goes by without us working on the boat I'm getting more and more anxious, we have a schedule to stick to and it will mean us working twice as hard when we get started again.

"Our plan is get the boat ready in time to throw on a party and parade it through the streets of Dudley before taking it to London to display at the Olympic Games.

"It would be my way of saying thank you to the town for all the great support I have received."

Mr Priddy plans to take the boat on a 4,000 mile return voyage from England to Canada ahead of attempting his Global Circumnavigation Challenge from Gibraltar on November 3.

The vessel has an estimated top speed 45 knots.

Don't stop the dance



Ballroom teachers Frank and Peggy Kendrick

AFTER celebrating his 80th birthday last week and having recently recovered from a hip operation, Frank Kendrick would be forgiven for wanting to hang up his dancing shoes.

But the former toolmaker from Brierley Hill says he has no plans to pack in the ballroom classes he has been running with his wife Peggy for almost 30 years. "There's no way I would give it up," said Mr Kendrick.

Every week up to 20 people are put through their paces by the devoted couple at Wordsley School. It was through their shared interest in ballroom Mr and Mrs Kendrick got talking at a dance night in Hereford in 1951 and married three years later. They launched the ballroom class in 1983.

Mr Kendrick developed arthritis last year and had to have an operation in September. Mrs Kendrick, aged 75, said: "He's not the type to give in."

College releasing student music

HALESOWEN college's record label is releasing new singles from four student bands. The music, on the Furnace Records label, comes from first and second year music students at the college. This summer's releases are Rumbi's soul song The Reason, Spearmint 6's alternative metal Cool Metal Basket, Henri Green's indie pop You Better Run and Rebel Gang's hip hop anthem Brush Yourself Off.

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MP lends helping hand to food team

HALESOWEN and Rowley Regis MP James Morris stepped in to lend a hand at the Black Country Foodbank.

After seeing the work being done by regular volunteers at the charity's base in Little Cornbow, Halesowen, Mr Morris unloaded incoming donations of food and stacked shelves in the warehouse.

The charity, which was founded by Wendy Fryatt, provides three days of nutritionally-balanced food to people who have been given vouchers by charities and bodies including Age UK.

His visit coincided with Volunteers' Week from June 1 to 7.

"The hard work and dedication put in by Wendy and her team of volunteers at the Black Country Foodbank every week of the year is quite inspiring, but is just one example of the extraordinary work being done by volunteers right across our community," he said.

Ray's race to be at wedding on time



Rosemary and Ray Jones celebrating their anniversary

MARRIED life for Rosemary and Ray Jones got off to a nervous start when the groom was nearly late for the wedding after his taxi failed to turn up.

But a brisk ride on his motorbike ensured he got to Wolverhampton Register Office on time - with his dad, Harry clinging on behind him.

The rest of Mr Jones's family made their way in the taxi when it finally turned up - and they arrived just in time to see the ceremony.

The couple, who now live in Corbyns Hall Road, Pensnett, are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

They met at Fordham Pressings in Dudley Road, Wolverhampton in 1959, where Mrs Jones was an office junior and her future husband was an apprentice.

After giving birth to twins Andrew and Dawn, now 50, Mrs Jones, 67, became a housewife, while her



Rosemary and Ray on their wedding day

husband, 68 went on to work as an electrician for Kenametal in Kingswinford for 30 years.

They celebrated their anniversary with a party for 120 family and friends at Himley Hall.

Family foundry sees turnover hit £1.5m

A FAMILY business in Lye which supplies tooling to the UK foundry industry has had its best year since the turn of the century. Joint director of HCM Engineering, Simon Hanson, said the Pedmore Road firm's turnover for 2011-2012 had been £1.5 million - its best for 12 years.

"The year has been a very good one. We have seen a 44 per cent increase in sales, seen all our customers get back to order books and profits from before the recession.

"They are all investing in new plant and equipment and have been on intensive recruitment drives. At HCM we have a full order book till the end of the year and have secured some sizeable projects for Jaguar Land Rover who are becoming a major boost to our industry locally."

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Canalside homes plan for old glassworks site

A CANALSIDE housing estate is to be built next to the proposed £5 million glass museum in Stourbridge.

There will be 49 homes on the former Stuart Crystal glassworks site in Wordsley. Vacant land off Argyle Close would be developed for the estate while the museum will be built in the Grade II listed former factory units, which were once the heart of the glassmaking industry but have recently been targeted by vandals.

Work on the museum is not expected to start until next year as bosses are preparing bids for funding. Morris Homes has submitted a planning application to Dudley Council for a mix of houses and flats.

Plans to convert some of the old glassworks units across the canal into apartments, on land owned by Complex Developments, were delayed five years ago due to the slump in the housing market. These have been put on hold while the museum plans move forward.

Under the new proposals there would be 16 detached houses, two semi-detached, seven "mews" properties and 24 apartments. They would overlook the Stourbridge Canal, which runs through the former glassworks.

The plans have been welcomed by ward councillor John Jones, who said: "It will bring new people to Wordsley and put some money into the community. I'm sure a lot of people will be pleased to see some regeneration at the site."

Ground works cancelled

ROADWORKS planned for Racecourse Lane in Stourbridge on June 11 and 12 have been cancelled and the road will be open on those days. Dudley Council had originally announced that the road would be shut for ground maintenance works.

Teasing out charity cash



Stripper Armani and organisers Debbie Price, Lesley McHale and Heidi Cooper getting ready for the charity ladies night

AN ADULTS-ONLY ladies night is being held in Dudley to raise cash for charity.

The sell-out event at The Station Hotel, Castle Hill, on June 15 will feature six male strippers and six drag acts.

Money will go to Headway West Midlands, which supports people with brain conditions and injuries.

Organiser Debbie Price, of Brierley Hill, said she was inspired after the death of her friend Ross Askew, aged 36, who suffered from a series of brain tumours.

A donation will also be made to Compton Hospice in memory of Pat Smith, the mother of drag act Tilly, who will be performing at the show. Mrs Smith died 10 years ago after battling cancer and was cared for at the hospice.

Miss Price is also being sponsored to lose weight.

She has shed 2st and Birmingham nightclub Chic has pledged to donate £20 for every pound she loses.

She said: "We wanted to do something a bit different to raise money and remember Ross. We are hoping to raise more than £2,000 and the response to the show has been really good."

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Although the Priory Road building

looks far from completion, director of estates and capital projects Steve Johnson said it will be open in September.

He said: "The centre has to be open in time for the start of the next academic year and the enrolment of hundreds of new students."

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complete and the brickwork is 95 per cent done. A decision earlier to put waterproof wrapping around the building at a cost of £50,000 proved key.

It protected the building and the workers during the wet weather last month, saving four weeks of work.

Mr Johnson said: "We'd wasted the money because of the dry months earlier in the year. Then the rain poured last month and it proved key to keeping the project on time and ready for the students - we're very confident it will be open in time."



The group of fundraising students from Halesowen College

Massaging the figures for funds

STUDENTS and staff at Halesowen College have raised around £1,000 for Children with Cancer UK by holding a sponsored wax and helping runners at the London Marathon.

Sports therapy students supported the sponsored wax and also travelled to London to massage the aches and pains of the many runners raising money for the national charity.

The idea came from Charmaine Fagan, a lecturer at the College, who ran the marathon for the charity and raised £600.

Students Sam Round, Kane Thomas, Stephen Devonport, Callum Wooldridge, Oli Timmins, Nathan Cain, Jo Connolly, Liam Beckford, Matt Cuff, Richard Currier and Alex Johnson raised a further £400 from the sponsored wax.

Lecturer Naomi Boswell said: "This was a great opportunity for our students to put their skills to the test while supporting such a good cause."

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High friendly rating is a surprise for cyclists

STUNNED cyclists in Dudley have called for more routes after their town was ranked a surprise seventh in a poll of 60 'cycle-friendly' towns and cities.

The town was rated to offer more for two-wheelers than in neighbouring Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Walsall in the new cyclists' survey compiled by finance group Virgin Money.

Factors considered included bike thefts, accidents and serious injuries involving cyclists and availability of cycling routes and repair centres.

Mystified cycling clubs have long campaigned for an improved path network.

Dudley Cyclist Touring Club secretary Graham Fones said: "I am surprised.

Needed

"I think much more could be done to help the growing number of cyclists on the town's roads.

"Too many cycle paths are parked on by motorists which mean cyclists have to dangerously swerve on to the road.

"More segregated cycle paths are needed. "That and the increased traffic on the town's roads, I don't quite understand how it has been judged 'cycle-friendly'."

Dudley Council spokesman Louise Kavanagh said 17 new routes were introduced in the past two years.

She added aroute parallel to the Dudley southern by-pass was planned.

Butterfly trail opened

A BUTTERFLY trail has opened in Wyre Forest. It has been set up by a conservation charity that says it will help to showcase the area's importance for butterflies and moths. The 3.5 mile trail starts at the Dry Mill Lane car park, Bewdley. Butterfly Conservation has worked with the Forestry Commission and Natural England.

Fundraising's no fantasy



Members of the Fantasy Dance Group are Kerry Lloyd, Sylvia Horton and Sharon Bishopwith Milly Evans, Katy Wright and Gracie Suri

A DANCE group has joined forces with pubs and businesses to help raise £12,400 towards a new breast cancer scanner for a hospital.

Fantasy Dance Group, based at Hob Green Primary School, Pedmore Fields, Stourbridge, staged performances across the area to help bring in the cash for Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. The

fundraising scheme was launched by breast cancer survivor Sylvia Horton, who runs the dance group, with the support of John and Sheila Sidaway of The Fox Inn, Green Lane in Lye.

Mrs Horton, of Pedmore, said the money had already been presented to staff at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.



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Meeting is called over ambulance turnaround

Lindsey lends a hand



Singer Lindsey Butler, who was performing at a charity night at Netherton Arts Centre

ONE OF the stars of BBC talent show The Voice helped out at a fundraising event at Netherton Arts Centre.

Lindsey Butler, who works at the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley joined members of comedy group Fizzog for a charity night.

The mother-of-two from West Bromwich missed out on the chance

to sing in the live shows. Money raised will go to the Animal Healing Trust and the Rainbow Breast Reconstruction Group.

Lindsey said: "I know the Fizzog girls very well and they appeared in my video for Charlie so I was happy to get involved.

"It was for two good causes as well," said the 41-year-old.

UNDER-FIRE hospital bosses are being called to a meeting with the region's ambulance service to discuss reducing turnaround times for ambulances.

West Midlands Ambulance Service boss Anthony Marsh says the increasing delays for handing over patients are costing crews time when responding to other calls.

In April, 36 per cent of ambulances arriving at the region's 24 hospitals failed to drop the patient off, clean up and get away within a 30 minute target – six per cent higher than last year.

Among the hospitals where crews struggled the most to release their patients were Russells Hall in Dudley and Sandwell where the average turnaround at both was above 30 minutes for April.

The average turnaround at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital was under 30 minutes, but on one occasion a handover took two hours and 15 minutes.

Mr Marsh said: "There are some areas of concern about the turnaround times and we are keen to work with the hospitals trusts to improve on them.

"Delays not only affect patient experience, but have the potential to adversely affect patient safety."

A meeting will be held this month, in which staff from Whipps Cross Hospital in London will explain how it managed to improve its times over recent years.

All hospital trusts in the region say they have set up initiatives to speed up times, including dedicated staff. Russells Hall boss Paula Clark said: "The volume of ambulances arriving has increased and the pattern of their arrival can sometimes be very challenging."

New lease of life for club

A former club building that has long been a target for vandalism is to get a new lease of life as a live music venue and recording studio. The Conservative Club, New Road, Stourbridge, closed in 2007. But signs are now announcing the new venue, called Mochers Jailhouse, will open soon.

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NEWS
in brief

Fellowship set to get mystery talk

HAGLEY Wives and Women's Fellowship members will be entertained with a mystery talk entitled "Leaps and Bounds - it can't be done", by Keith Horsfall, at their meeting on June 12.

Then they have an outing to Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens on June 26. The fellowship will hold its annual meeting on July 10.

Meetings are held at St Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley, starting at 8pm and information about the gardens trip is available from Ann Pagett on 01562 882692.

Caravan gutted by arson attack

CARS, a caravan and a lock-up were gutted by fire after arsonists struck at a scrapyard in Cradley Heath.

Crews were called to Saltbrook Scrap Yard, last week to find fires raging in two parts of the site.

Around 10 crews battled the fires at their height and remained at the site until after 3am to ensure flames had not spread to other areas.

Club invests in lifesaving gear

THE COLLAPSE of a professional footballer has prompted a sports club to buy a defibrillator.

Following the publicity surrounding Fabrice Muamba's cardiac arrest, Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club have bought the lifesaving kit.

The club also got first aid training for 24 members from West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Decision on fire station is to be made within weeks

A FINAL decision on the site for a new £3 million fire station covering Cradley Heath and Halesowen will be made this month.

Members of West Midlands Fire Authority will rule on four proposed unnamed locations for the station at its annual general meeting - which is being held on June 25.

Crucial work to identify what the response times would be from each of the four sites has started, which was one of the main issues when closure plans for Halesowen Fire Station were first revealed by bosses.

First engines should attend the scene within around five minutes of a major incident such as a house fire or car crash.

Ensure

Subsequent crews should start to arrive in about seven minutes.

Officials are looking at

access to all four sites and nearby road networks to analyse which offers the best times.

Fire authority member and Halesowen Councillor Ken Turner said times must be maintained to ensure an "essential" level of service to the public.

"We don't know what happens until it happens and it is important to be in the right place in readiness to save lives," he said. "We were assured that the time for first responding crews would be five minutes and second responders within seven minutes and this is a crucial issue."

"I would be most concerned if these were not maintained and if there was any lengthening in the response times."

Youth groups being called to grab a share of £40,000

GRANTS of up to £750 are on offer from Dudley Council for young people's projects and activities. A total of £40,000 is available to youth groups and will be allocated through the Youth Opportunities Fund.

Grants of up to £750 will fund projects and activities designed by young people aged 13 to 19, or up to 25 for those with disabilities.

They must be completed and the grants spent by December 2012. Youngsters can apply at roadshows in Brierley Hill, the Dudley Central and Dudley North areas, Stourbridge and Halesowen, and one for borough-wide work. Appointments can be booked on 01384 815182.



Promoting the walk residents John Halford and Jean Burton with staff Claire Baker and Gill Howarth

Care staff to walk for cause

STAFF at a Dudley care home will be putting their best feet forward to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society with a 25k sponsored walk.

Carers at Broadway Halls, The Broadway, will be walking to Bridgnorth Cliff Top Railway on July 11.

The sponsorship effort is among a programme of events organised by staff and residents at the home, to raise funds for the charity this year.

In September staff and residents, at the The Broadway, will take part in a 1km Memory Walk at Dudley Zoo.

Care home manager Gillian Howarth said: "We hope the public will support the walk by sponsoring us or making a donation."

"All events and activities at Broadway Halls are designed by both residents and staff."

If you want to support them in raising money for Alzheimer's Society call 01384 215190.

Closure of talking paper is regretted

PLANS to close a talking newspaper for blind people have been described as "terribly sad" by an MP and a pensioner.

Beacon Centre for the Blind is scrapping the service used by 350 people as it tries to save £250,000.

The charity, based in Sedgley, is also planning to axe seven jobs.

The talking newspaper has not been published for some time due to staff illness but bosses have said another service is provided by the Thomas Pocklington Trust.

Betty Grimes, aged 92, has been receiving the weekly tape with local news for the past 20 years.

She recently moved from her home in Penn, Wolverhampton, to Harrogate in Yorkshire and relied on the tape to keep up with events in the Black Country.

Mrs Grimes, who has lost most of her sight to macular disease, said: "It is dreadful for me."

"It's the only way I can keep up to date with what is happening at home."

"I know the voices on the tape straight away. They are people who have been working on it for."

Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North, said: "It's terribly sad, particularly when you hear about people like Mrs Grimes who have such an attachment to the service."

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Family's delight as DIY disaster turned around



Joanne and Wayne Whitehouse in their amazing new kitchen after being given the DIY SOS treatment



The show's workforce applauds after the job ends

THERE were cheers and tears as a family who were rescued from a DIY disaster by a hit BBC makeover show saw their episode being aired on television.

Just five months ago TV presenter Nick Knowles and his team from the BBC One programme DIY SOS descended on the Whitehouse family's cramped three bedroom home in Lower Gornal and transformed it into a tranquil oasis.

Parents Joanne and Wayne White-

house had wanted new bedrooms in an extension for their children in their Park Road home but had struggled to finish the job. When the show was aired last week, the startling transformation was revealed.

Wayne, a butcher at FA Gill Ltd in Parkfields, Wolverhampton, explained to Knowles how the family had begun building an extension to the house to provide a bedroom for each of the children, but the work had cost too much.

They had re-mortgaged the home to get the work done, but the money had dried up. The couple and their children



Wayne with son Jack, eight, in his new bedroom

Katie Homer, aged 22, Ginny, 10 and Jack, eight had been living with roof beams and brickwork left exposed in an unfinished extension for months.

The children suffer from varying forms of Fragile X Syndrome which can lead to learning difficulties and physical disabilities and need space to be able to live in comfort.

Joanne, aged 40, said: "I was gobsmacked at it, it was and is perfect for us, it was completely wonderful."

"I would just like to thank all those builders and tradesmen and my friends and family who came to help."

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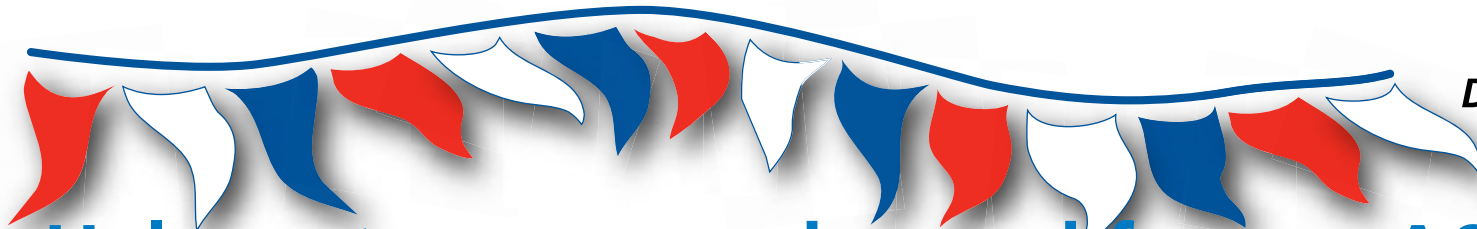


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Members give hall a party look

WOLLASTON E TOWNSWOMEN

THE May meeting was the 'open evening' so very little of the usual business took place. There were 45 members in attendance and two visitors.

The committee, plus a few members had been busy arranging tables and chairs together with wine and nibbles, giving a party look.

Joining in, by invitation, were members from Federation and neighbouring guilds, namely Norton, Oldswinford, Kingswinford and Grange.

Vice-chairman Hazel Needham gave up-to-date news of long-time member Joan Oakley, who is quite poorly in hospital. All thoughts are with her.

There followed a very popular tombola, together with well stock plant and books stalls.

Afterwards, the club was well entertained by Lisa Smith with old time music hall songs. To make it look authentic, Lisa also dressed in costumes of the particular period. It was described by all as a 'jolly good evening'.

On May 15 the annual dinner took place at Blake-lands, Bobbington where approximately 35 members enjoyed good food, good comradeship and a very good get-together!

The next meeting is June 12 at St James Church Hall, Wollaston at 7.30pm. The competition is an old toy.

CLUB NEWS

Entertaining talk by Black Country poet



David Bartley's talk entertained members

HAWNE "E" TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

THE chairman welcomed 40 members and three visitors to the last meeting where seven long service awards were presented.

The guild's charity for the coming year is Leukaemia research. Next year the guild may not choose a charity so it can build up its own funds.

The Mayor's Jubilee service is on June 8 at 6pm. A trip to Winterbourne House takes place on July 18. The flower club is celebrating 40 years on June 13.

David Bartley from Tipton entertained with his Black Country poetry and humour.

The sales table was plants, grown by Mollie Greenway's husband and approximately £40 was the result. Next members enjoyed a cup of tea and biscuits and a chat.

The next meeting is on June 18 at the Zion Christian Centre. Members are asked to wear red, white and blue for a Jubilee tea. There will be a quiz and, hopefully, a display of memorabilia.

Chairman presides over quiz

MEMBERS enjoyed a social evening with activities including a quiz, presided over by the chairman and time to visit a well stocked sales table.

A report was given on the recent Federation meeting and their various forthcoming events were mentioned.

A different venue for the annual lunch was ann-

QUARRY BANK TOWNSWOMEN

ounced - this year it is to be at Wharton Park Golf and Country Club on July 30. There will be no speaker this year.

The National General Meeting held at the ICC, Birmingham will be on June

29. Other events include the National lunch and the chairman's 'At Home'.

The social secretary informed the guild that a visit to the Jenny Ring Craft Centre is being arranged for July.

The speaker for the next meeting on June 19 is Ian Bott. His talk entitled, 'Grave Subject'.

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Getting on a fast track to help find inspiration

The tinnest of margins make Olympic sprint champions, as REBECCA CARR finds out

BY THE time you finish reading this sentence, the world's fastest man Usain Bolt could have run half way down the 100m track.

And when every second counts, reaction time is crucial.

For his current 100m world record, Usain Bolt managed to react in a lightning 0.146 seconds. Anything under 0.1 seconds would have been classed as a false start.

To see how I compare, I went along to the Wellcome Trust's new exhibition debuting at the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham.

Involved

With a reaction time three times slower than Bolt and a resting heart rate twice as fast as five-times Olympic rowing gold medal winner Sir Steve Redgrave, I have resigned myself to never becoming a world-class athlete.

The Olympics-inspired experience named In the Zone helps to teach them more about science.

Project manager Dr Leah Holmes said: "The experience is to inspire people to find out more about their body."

"It's about getting everyone involved and show how amazing the human body can be."

In the Zone is a series of five challenges to test your power, blood, strength, reaction and speed.

A hand cycling event, reaction game and running track are all part of the fun to create competition between friends.



Rebecca Carr checks her performance



Youngsters are more than a match for Rebecca Carr



Usain Bolt - lightning fast

A friendly member of the production crew helps you along and the whole experience is filmed and recorded to create a film of your sporting achievements.

Returning to the office, I logged on to the In the Zone website to see how my results compared with Sir Steve.

The 49-year-old put me to shame on all of the challenges. And the hand-cycling event proved particularly worrying.

At 17mph I was impressed with efforts until I noticed Poppy, my 11-year-old competitor cycling much faster. Sir Steve reached 31mph hour.

Most of the school children taking part managed to run down the track faster than me even with their school bags in tow.

Sir Steve has played an active part in developing the In the Zone initiative.

Speaking at the exhibition's test run, he said: "It's often said that there's more to sport than winning medals, but there's also more to winning medals than sport."

"Science played a huge role in my Olympic success, and understanding how my body works was as important on race day as any brutal training regime."

The Wellcome Trust, a charitable foundation, put together the experience to engage the public with the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Designed and delivered by the At-Bristol Science Centre, the exhibition will be touring the UK until September.

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The trip finishes on a high - literally! As the boat crosses the spectacular Pontcysyllte Aqueduct 126ft above the Dee Valley floor. After the cruise, there's time to explore charming Llangollen itself before we head for home.

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Limerick is a jewel of a county nestled into Ireland's glorious Shannon region. The villages and towns are renowned for their beauty and places like Cashell, Adare and Killaloe are magical, romantic little spots. Around every corner is something different - a charming village, an eccentric castle, an archaeological wonder or an awesome view.

Just look what's included...

Day 1: Meet our coach this morning as we head for Holyhead and board the Ferry to Dublin. It's an easy drive on the N7 to Limerick - about 2 hours away.

Days 2 and 3: We visit the charming twin towns of Ballina and Killaloe - one on each side of the river Shannon and linked by a stone bridge.

The beautiful village of Adare. With its many original thatched cottages, Adare is often said to be the prettiest village in Ireland.

We pass through the famous town of Tipperary to Cashell. One of the regions most important heritage towns and home to one of Ireland's most-visited attractions - The Rock of Cashell.

We also stop a while at ancient Holy Cross Abbey - a beautiful, peaceful spot on the river Suir.

Day 4: Is left free to explore Limerick and we travel home next day after a last hearty Irish Breakfast.

We stay for 4 nights at Pery's Hotel in Limerick town. An excellent 3 star hotel - our customers love it. The hotel likes to serve a welcome punch on arrival and then dinner is served later.

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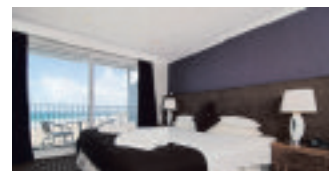
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A silver lining for trainee solicitor

A TRAINEE solicitor at leading Black Country law firm Higgs & Sons is celebrating after achieving a silver prize in the Birmingham Law Society's annual awards for trainee solicitors.

Adam Maguire achieved the second highest overall marks in examinations and course work while studying for his legal practice course.

He also received £150 of book tokens at the society's annual meeting in April.

"This is a great achievement and I'm extremely proud to have received the award," he said.

"I worked extremely hard to achieve my results, so it's fantastic to be recognised by the Birmingham Law Society."

Delight

Higgs' graduate trainee programme is one of the best in the region and many of its partners trained with the Brierley Hill-based firm.

Catherine Junor is one and is now the training principal for all new graduates.

She said: "Adam's achievements will be celebrated across the firm and we're all delighted for him."

Adam has also been elected as the Birmingham Law Society's education and society representative for Birmingham Trainee Solicitors Society.

Higgs trainee James Osborne has become liaison officer for BTSS and colleague Rachel Seaton has been elected to the community development committee of Birmingham Future.

Poorest of the poor

Canals conjure up a welcoming picture of peace and tranquility but many years ago, the Midland waterways were a very different scene, as **TOBY NEAL** reports

HARDSHIP? Don't try that one with brothers Jim and Joe Edwards. They know what real hardship is all about.

They were born and brought up on a working canal boat and were so poor that they got the strap from their father if they played football in their shoes – because the family couldn't afford to buy new ones.

"Jim and I used to love to play football, so we had an old pair of shoes, and he had the left shoe and I had the right shoe," said 81-year-old Joe. "We were the poorest of the poor. We weren't dressed very well. I had a big hole in my shoes, and my trousers were all ripped."

The entire family of six boys, six girls, and parents Noah and Mary (two other children died as babies), were crammed into two horse-drawn narrowboats, named Spade and Welcome, which plied with their cargoes on the Midland canal system and up to Ellesmere Port and back, working for Midlands and Coast Canal Carriers.

Frozen

All but the last two of the Edwards children were born on the boats. "We were taking wheat, flour, chocolate, foodstuff, from Ellesmere Port to Wolverhampton and Birmingham," said 82-year-old Jim, from Fordhouses, Wolverhampton.

"Once, we were taking an order of tubes from Halesowen to Ellesmere Port, and tied up for the night near Beeston Castle.

"Next morning, the canal was frozen over, and we were stuck there for eight weeks."

Joe, from Oakengates, Telford, chipped in: "We had no food, water, or anything."

They used to sleep top to tail on a hard bench. "Lots of times during the summer we used to sleep on the cargo. We used to get a bag of straw and lie on that," said Jim.

There was a range for cooking. Meals would be cooked on the leading boat, and left on trays on the canal side to be collected as the following boat passed. The contents of



Above: Spade near Broad Street, Wolverhampton, in about 1927. The Edwards children on board are, from left, Mary, Nell, Alice, and little brother Bill in the doorway, with parents Noah and Mary. Left: Mary and Noah at their home in Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, in 1956

the toilet pot would be emptied into the canal.

With their travelling life, they never went to school. There was no great family tradition of working on the canal. "In about 1908, my mother's family lost their father, a Mr Wildy. They lived in Culwell Street, Wolverhampton," said Jim. "He passed on and left seven children. They could not afford to live there and were thrown out of the house by the bailiffs. The two eldest sons got a boat to live and work on, and that's how they came to be on the canal."

Noah Edwards had known Mary when they were both at Walsall Street School in Wolverhampton, and seems to have taken up the canal life when they married.

From about 1912 and through the First World War they worked for A & A Peate Ltd,

of Maesbury, near Oswestry. "They used to fetch the meal and wheat and things like that from Ellesmere Port to the mill, and also deliver to farmers along the canal to Llangollen. My uncle Tom Wildy's boat, named Margaret, was the last boat Peates had," said Jim.

In the mid-1930s there was modernisation of a sort when the family got a motor-driven boat, the Apollo, which would tow Spade, meaning the end of duty for horses Jack and Moggie. Unfortunately, Apollo kept breaking down, and the family went for life on dry land in about 1937 or 1938.

"We got off and lived in Broad Street in Wolverhampton. It meant we were able to go to school, for what was left of our school days. I made up by going to night school. I got a job after three days, on the railway, as a messen-



Jim and Joe Edwards – born and raised on a canal boat



Phyllis Thomas, nee Edwards, Bill Edwards, Bill's wife Pat, Phyllis's husband Len and Jim Edwards on Spade

ger boy on the Great Western Railway, based at Herbert Street goods yard in Wolverhampton. I was on the railway for 49 years and nine months," said Jim, who was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1990.

As for Joe, he went into factory work. Welcome appears no longer to exist but Spade and Apollo survive as leisure boats.

A new owner of Spade found a 1930s photo taken at Bunbury locks showing the Edwards family and, thanks to the wonders of the internet, this led to him tracing the surviving members.

On a nostalgic visit to his old home, Joe was initially unimpressed by the luxury on offer. Then he looked at the cabin.

"I had the shock of my life. When I opened the door, it was exactly the same as I remembered when we were kids," he said.

Economy boosting firms are rewarded

THREE Black Country businesses have graduated from the Goldman Sachs 10,000 small businesses programme.

The TLC college, Wolverhampton, Vine Trust, Walsall, and the YMCA Black Country Group were in the first Midlands scheme and received their certificates at a dinner in Birmingham.

The programme is designed to boost local economic growth and job creation through practical business education and support to small businesses and social enterprises.

Classes for the second cohort have begun, and recruitment for the third is in progress.

Ranged

The first businesses represented a wide range of sectors, including manufacturing, business services, technology, retail and education.

They ranged in size from £200,000 in turnover to more than £3 million.

TLC college was set up in 1997 and works with businesses and public sector bodies in the city to offer skills and training to economically deprived communities.

The Vine Trust is a community development organisation involved in economic, environmental and social regeneration in Walsall.

The YMCA Black Country Group offers a range of support services.

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Climbing to success



Owners Abi Argue and husband Jonny at the centre

THRILLSEEKERS can take on a new challenge at an indoor climbing centre in West Bromwich.

Boulder Central is a low-level climbing facility without the need for ropes. It opened at the beginning of the month.

The site on Richmond Street South is home to 10,000sq ft of shapes and angles to suit all ages and abilities. The centre has fully qualified instructors.

Climbing sessions are available for individuals, and the venue also has group taster sessions, birthday parties and corporate days. Children's groups are welcomed, and for serious climbers there is the chance to take national qualifications.

Council vow to press on with plans for revamp

MAJOR improvements to sports centres and a golf course in Sandwell are still on the cards despite £400,000 funding cuts, leisure bosses have vowed.

Sandwell Leisure Trust, which runs 10 facilities for the council, has outlined its three-year plan. Proposals include improving the changing rooms at Langley Swimming Centre, remodeling Tipton Sports Academy and developing driving range and indoor facilities at Brandhall Golf Course in Oldbury.

Chiefs have pledged to press ahead with the developments despite the council cutting 10 per cent of its £4 million management fee for the year.

Plans to generate extra income include increasing attendances to boost income to be reinvested in services. It follows a £250,000 revamp at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, in Barrs Road, Cradley Heath.

Chief Executive Paul Slater said: "These three facilities have been identified for consideration in

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By Alex Homer

improvement plans which are part of the development of services for Sandwell.

"We will announce further details about these as and when they happen. The trust is committed to the continuous improvement of the facilities it manages for the people of Sandwell."

"The trust has invested over £4m into facilities since being formed as a registered charity and social enterprise back in 2004."

"This investment in the facilities has led to increased attendances, and customer satisfaction."

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Rocket man is ready to touch down



Sir Elton to play LG Arena 'ROCKET Man', Sir Elton John, is set to land at the LG Arena next week with a special 'one night only' show.

Sir Elton will visit the Birmingham venue on Friday (15) giving fans the chance to see him perform some of his best-loved tracks live on stage. Since bursting onto the scene back in the late 1960s, he has gone on to become one of the biggest acts in pop.

Albums

Along with his long-term lyricist Bernie Taupin, Sir Elton has achieved 35 gold and 25 platinum albums, 29 consecutive Top 40 hits and has sold an amazing 250-million records worldwide.

And joining him at the Brum gig are 2CELLOS. The classically-trained musicians have performed together since January 2011 and in that time have become internet sensations. They have landed a major record deal and management contract whilst being taken under the wing of Elton John.

Laughter is best medicine when doctor is squeaky Joe

DOCTOR In The House takes to the stage at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday, starring one of Britain's best loved funnymen, Joe Pasquale, and award-winning stage and screen actor Robert Powell, who is still best known for Jesus Of Nazareth.

The farce follows the misadventure of the inexperienced young medical student Simon Sparrow as he begins his five-year internship at St Swithin's Teaching Hospital, where he runs foul of head surgeon Sir Lancelot Spratt.

Books

Stand-up comic Pasquale plays another hapless medic and Powell plays Sir Lancelot.

The original Richard Gordon novel, *Doctor In The House* is one of 12 Doctor books drawing on the writer's own anecdotes from pre-war medical school.

The Doctor In The House film was the hit British movie of 1954.

The show continues at the Grand to June 16.



Robert Powell and Joe Pasquale in *Doctor In The House*, coming to Wolverhampton Grand

Counselling session for Numb comic

Simon Amstell

New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

FUNNY man Simon Amstell's routine may be hilarious but is not so much stand-up as lie down and call the counsellor.

He has called this tour Numb, because he says the word describes his suppression and inability to communicate. Cue self-deprecating tales of his relationship with his father, lovers, celebrity friends and world at large.

Some leave you crying with laughter - others with a hope that, at 32, he isn't taking

life as seriously as he suggests. His stories are told with the same natural ease that he brings to his TV roles.

He dealt with interruptions brilliantly, showed excellent timing and even gave us a fresh angle on the humour of over-groomed assistants on make-up counters. It helped compensate for his tendency to be preachy and to lift material from the last episode of his own Grandma's House series the same week that it was aired. Unfortunate.

Sarah Cowen

Susan's dream show

I Dreamed A Dream, Birmingham Hippodrome

SUBTITLED *The Susan Boyle Musical*, this show based on the life story of the Britain's Got Talent singing sensation has a bonus most tributes can't boast - the woman herself waiting in the wings.

The theatre erupted when she stepped out in a shimmering red dress to sing THAT song. Her voiced cracked a little, prompting the 51-year-old Scot to pull an 'oops' face but she nailed it with the big crescendo in the anthemic song from *Les Miserables*.

A cheeky wiggle and a twinkle in her eye and she asked if we wanted another, following *I Dreamed A Dream* with the defiant and celebratory *Who I Was Born To Be*.

Was the show that preceded this brief but extraordinary performance any good? Yes.

Boyle's wasn't the first standing ovation. Elaine C Smith also had the audience on their feet for her portrayal of the dowdy, unconfident spinster hiding an incredible talent. The Rab C Nesbitt TV actress (Smith played Rab's long-suffering wife Mary) got the blend of timid and feisty right, and it helped that she has a strong singing voice.

Songs from the 1960s and 70s (most covered on Boyle's three albums) sung to a recorded soundtrack charted the story from school bullying for being "different", via fledgling romance crushed by an over-protective father, to a lonely existence after the deaths of her parents. And then looked at the global stardom brought by Britain's Got Talent and the power of one YouTube clip.

The audience loved it but I wonder if they would have turned up in such numbers if the woman herself had not been making an appearance.

One thing is clear, Susan Boyle has become an icon for anyone who feels underrated, excluded, uncool, bypassed or forgotten - and anyone who hopes that dreams can come true.

Leon Burakowski

Chieftains on top form

The Chieftains

Symphony Hall, B-ham LIKE a fine wine The Chieftains get better with age.

The legends of Irish folk music may be celebrating 50 years, but Paddy Moloney and his crew of extraordinary musicians are showing no signs of losing their enthusiasm for playing.

Their breathtaking show kicked off with Limerick Lamentation which was nothing like it sounds and hit people between the ears straight away, and then they never let up.

Not only did the almost packed theatre get the full gamut of the band but the audience also got to enjoy Canadian dancers The Step Crew, whose athleticism and energy was incredible, and The Birmingham Irish Pipes and Drum Band.

One of the highlights was the band playing what must be the world's longest version of Toss the Feathers giving each musician a chance at a fantastic solo.

Danny Farragher

Nashville's new faces



Lady Antebellum

AMERICAN country music's new generation has embraced pop and won many young fans thanks to Taylor Swift, The Civil Wars and Nashville trio Lady Antebellum.

The latter trio, whose name refers to pre-Civil War America, had UK hits with *Need You Now* and *I Run To You*.

Now the Grammy award-winning Charles Kelley, Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood plan a UK tour, including Birmingham's O2 Academy on July 17.

Arena stars

MAJOR new gigs announced for Birmingham's LG Arena include Texan singing sensation Kelly Clarkson, the first winner of American Idol, on October 14; the return of those 'Nutter Boys' Madness for a festive knees-up on December 13; and, way ahead, Jessie J on March 1, 2013.

The Twang join V bill

BLACK Country band The Twang have been added to the V Festival line up, beside The Killers, Stone Roses and much more in August.



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Lee McKenzie

Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights**BBC1, 10.30pm**

Lee McKenzie presents the best of the action, as what has been a thrilling season so far continues with the battle for pole ahead of the seventh round in Montreal. Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel finished ahead of the field to claim his sixth pole position in seven races during the 2011 campaign. Six different drivers have taken the honours in as many Grands Prix at the start of the campaign for the first time in Formula 1 history, and with the likes of Hamilton yet to taste victory, a seventh different winner cannot be ruled out.



Lynda Bellingham

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **12.15** British Olympic Dreams. The progress of global athletes preparing for London 2012. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Cash in the Attic. (R) **2.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Netherlands v Denmark (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.30 Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Germany v Portugal (Kick-off 7.45pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the Group B clash at the Arena Lviv in Ukraine, where the sides begin their quests for glory.

10.00 BBC News: Weather.

10.20 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. OJ Borg reveals the all-important winning numbers, including the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

10.30 Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights. The Canadian Grand Prix qualifying session. Action from the battle for pole position in the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal; National Lottery Update.

11.45 Film: Ransom. (1996) An airline tycoon turns the tables on the criminals who have kidnapped his son by placing a bounty on their heads. Thriller remake, with Mel Gibson, Rene Russo and Gary Sinise.

1.40 Weatherview. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.15** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.35** Film: Krakatoa, East of Java. (1968) **2.45** Film: Goal! (2005) **4.35** Coast. (R) **5.35** Flog It! (R)

6.35 More Dawn French's Girls Who Do: Comedy. The comedienne talks to Victoria Wood, who reveals her childhood experience of seeing Joyce Grenfell perform and admits that for a long time she could not relax during stand-up. (R)

7.05 Victoria Wood's Short Term Memories. Skits, songs and sketches with the comedienne and friends, including long-time collaborator Julie Walters, plus Della Smith, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. (R)

7.55 Victoria Wood: A Bafta Tribute. Julie Walters, Lenny Henry, Richard E Grant and Jim Broadbent gather for a gala honouring the much-loved entertainer, offering an opportunity to look back over her career. (R)

9.00 Jools Holland: London Calling. The performer embarks on a journey through the streets, landmarks, pubs, music halls and rock 'n' roll venues of London to uncover the history of the city through its songs.

10.15 London Songs at the BBC. A collection of performances from the BBC archives.

11.15 Film: Telstar: The Joe Meek Story. (2009) Premiere. Biopic of the 1960s record producer, starring Con O'Neill.

1.15 Film: Sugarhouse. (2007). Crime thriller, with Steven Mackintosh. **2.40** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** You've Been Framed! (R) **12.50** ITV News: Weather. **1.00** Live French Open Tennis. **4.45** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

6.00 The Greatest Footie Ads Ever. (R)

7.00 You Cannot Be Serious! Alistair McGowan presents a topical entertainment show mixing clips, sketches and impressions based on the week's biggest and most talked-about sporting events.

7.30 All New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage.

8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. A cleaner is found dead in her home and suspicion immediately falls upon her lodger, but Superintendent Spence begins to question the man's guilt. (R)

10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.15 Euro 2012 Highlights. Netherlands v Denmark and Germany v Portugal. Action from the opening matches in Group B in Ukraine, staged at the Metlitz Stadium in Kharkiv and the Arena Lviv respectively.

11.15 William at 30. Prince William's life in the public eye. (R)

12.15 The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.15** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Nicki Minaj: Day in the Life. **9.25** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.35** T4: Love Shift. **11.10** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** T4: Revenge. **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. **1.25** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.15** Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** Come Dine with Me. Alicia Coppola hosts the penultimate dinner party in Manchester. (R)

6.30 Come Dine with Me. Film student Dennis Keighron-Foster hosts the final dinner party in Manchester. (R)

6.55 Channel 4 News.

7.25 4Thought.tv.

7.30 Film: Definitely, Maybe. (2008) A father on the eve of his divorce tells his daughter about his life before he was married, including how he met her mother. Romantic comedy, with Ryan Reynolds and Abigail Breslin.

9.40 8 Out of 10 Cats Jubilee Special. An edition focusing on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

10.25 Alan Carr's Summertime Spectacular. With David Walliams, Justin Bieber, the Saturdays, Rizzle Kicks and the cast of Made in Chelsea. (R)

12.35 Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.20** Film: Bombon el Perro. (2004) **2.55** Southland. **3.35** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.25** Smallville. (R) **5.05** Countdown. (R) **5.50** Glamour Puds. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.10** Big Brother: Eviction. (R) **12.10** Film: The Secret Garden. (1993) **2.10** Film: Random Hearts. (1999) Romantic drama, with Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas. **4.40** Film: Steel Magnolias. (1989) Drama, with Sally Field and Julia Roberts.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Highlights of day three of the Third Test at Edgbaston in Birmingham.

8.00 NCIS. The agents learn one of their former investigative assistants has been murdered, and had been selling information about how to rob a warehouse. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

9.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenage girl is hurt in a fall, but doctors discover she is also suffering from injuries sustained in an attack, setting Benson and Stabler off on a search for her assailant.

10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the first eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.

11.00 10 Things I Hate About You. Robert Webb narrates an unpleasant trip down memory lane, beginning by recalling the worst music, TV shows, toys, news stories and celebrity moments of 1995. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.55** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Short Breaks. (R) **5.00** Hand's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who **7.50** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. **10.25** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Talk at the BBC **8.00** Elegance and Decadence: The Age of the Regency **9.00** Spiral 2: Gangs of Paris **10.45** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Trams – A Streetcar Named Desire **11.45** Wonders of the Solar System

ITV2
5.15 Film: Richie Rich (1994) **7.15** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **9.00** Film: The Holiday (2006). Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet. **11.45** Britain's Got More Talent: Kids and Pets Unleashed

ITV3
3.55 Murder, She Wrote **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.05** Film: The Likely Lads (1976) **9.00** Susan Boyle: An Unlikely Superstar **10.00** Lewis

ITV4
12.30 Live French Open Tennis **7.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** An Audience with Billy Connolly **10.10** Film: The Krays (1990)

E4
3.40 Charlie's Angels **4.35** Revenge **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.35** Rules of Engagement **9.10** How I Met Your Mother **9.40** Film: Chain Reaction (1996). Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz. **11.50** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.20 Aliens in the Attic (2009) **5.00** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **6.45** The First Wives Club (1996) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.25** The Hills Have Eyes 2 (2007)

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CHOICE



Sheella Ferguson

The Royal History of Pop Channel 4, 10pm

The recent Diamond Jubilee concert, which saw current chart stars like Jessie J, Ed Sheeran and JLS joining knights of the realm Paul McCartney and Cliff Richard to pay tribute to the Queen, may have left some old punks nostalgic for 1977, when the Sex Pistols were advocating Anarchy in the UK and it wasn't cool to cosy up to the establishment. But as this documentary points out, the link between pop and the monarchy dates back long before Gary Barlow was composing songs for Elizabeth II – in fact, the love-hate relationship has existed since the birth of rock 'n' roll.



Lynda Bellingham

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Penguin Island. (R) **4.15** Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones. (R) **5.15** Points of View. **5.30** Songs of Praise.

6.05 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Countryfile. The team visits Warwickshire, where Matt Baker brushes up his tractor skills with Shipston-on-Strour Young Farmers, and Ellie Harrison learns the art of side-saddle riding.

7.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team head to Kensington Palace in central London, where members of the public share stories of encounters with the Queen from over the past 60 years.

8.30 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries. The body of Lynley's missing godson is discovered 12 years after he disappeared, and the detective himself becomes a suspect when the boy's sister is found dead. (R)

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.30 Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Highlights. The Canadian Grand Prix. Lee McKenzie presents extended highlights of the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal.

12.30 Film: Somers Town. (2008) Comedy, with Thomas Turgoose. **1.35** Weatherview. **1.40** Sign Zone: Two Greedy Italians. (R) **2.40** Holby City. (R) **3.40** Question Time. (R) **4.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Film: When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth. (1970) **2.05** Film: They Came to Cordura. (1959) Military adventure, starring Gary Cooper. **4.05** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.35** Flog It! (R) **5.35** Film: Serendipity. (2001). Romantic drama, starring Kate Beckinsale and John Cusack.

7.00 Oceans. Exploring the world's seas, beginning with the Sea of Cortez off the west coast of Mexico. (R)

8.00 Timewatch – Queen Elizabeth's Lost Guns. Documentary about efforts to retrieve 400-year-old cannons from the seabed off Alderney, and analyse the sunken ship on which they were found, which could rewrite naval history. (R)

9.00 Coast. Exploring the tidal ebbs and flow of the seas surrounding Britain, including the rapids off the coast of Anglesey and the marine wildlife visible from Jersey's Seymour Tower.

10.00 Louis Theroux: Twilight of the Porn Stars. Louis revisits the male porn stars he met in LA 15 years ago, finding out where they are now and how the business has been affected by the deluge of free material on the Internet.

11.00 Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. Republic of Ireland v Croatia and Spain v Italy. Colin Murray presents action from the respective Group C matches at the Municipal Stadium Poznan and the Arena Gdansk in Poland.

12.00 Episodes. (R) **12.30** Film: Deathtrap. (1982) **2.30** BBC News. **4.50** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.20** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.00** Live French Open Tennis. The men's singles final. John Inverdale presents coverage of the conclusion of the second Grand Slam tournament of the season, staged at Roland Garros in Paris. Coverage continues on ITV4.

4.15 Euro 2012 Live. Spain v Italy (Kick-off 5.00pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage of the Group C clash at the Arena Gdansk in Poland, where reigning champions Spain get their campaign under way.

7.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.05 ITV News; Weather.

7.15 Euro 2012 Live. Republic of Ireland v Croatia (Kick-off 7.45pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage from the Municipal Stadium Poznan in Poland, where the Group C teams play their opening match.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Film: The Incredible Hulk. (2008) A scientist who turns into a monster when angry is hunted by a general who wants to use him as a weapon. Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton and Tim Roth.

12.25 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** River Monsters. A search for the bull shark in South Africa. Last in the series. (R) **3.20** Motorsport UK: Porsche Carrera Cup and Renault Clio Cup highlights from Donington Park. With commentary by Richard John Neil and Simon Hill. **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Beach Volleyball. **7.35** Freeports on 4. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** Film: Black Knight. (2001) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Deal or No Deal.

6.20 Channel 4 News.

6.50 4thought.tv. A woman who has terminal cancer discusses how her diagnosis prompted her to re-evaluate her life and put her own needs first.

6.55 The Political Slot. Shadow Welsh Secretary Owen Smith MP discusses the effects of government cuts in his Pontypridd constituency.

7.00 One Born Every Minute. A fashion designer who has not attended any antenatal classes has a water birth, while another woman hopes her second experience of labour is easier than the first. (R)

8.00 Film: Dear John. (2010) Premiere. A soldier falls in love with a student, but their relationship is threatened when he decides to return to duty. Romantic drama, with Channing Tatum.

10.00 The Royal History of Pop. The links between the royal family and pop music.

11.05 Film: Aliens. (1986) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Sigourney Weaver. **1.55** Camelot. (R) **2.45** Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson 'Night Swimmer'. (R) **2.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.05** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** City of the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.15** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Fit and the Flowertots. (R) **8.05** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.10** Little Princess. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.15** The Army Macdonald Story. **10.45** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.45** Big Brother. (R) **12.45** Film: Jackie Chan's First Strike. (1996) **2.25** Film: The Golden Voyage of Sinbad. (1974) **4.30** Film: Hitch. (2005)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day of the Third Test at Edgbaston in Birmingham, where the sides play the final match of the series.

8.00 Once Upon a Time.

9.00 Big Brother.

10.00 Film: The Pursuit of Happyness. (2006) Fact-based drama, starring Will Smith.

12.20 Extraordinary People: Seven New Faces in Seven Days. (R) **1.20** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Wallace & Gromit's Cracking Contraptions. **7.10** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers. **7.40** Film: Madagascar (2005) **9.00** Live at the Apollo 10.00 Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Russell Howard's Good News

BBC Four
7.00 Behind the Scenes at the Museum **8.00** Timeshift: All the Fun of the Fair **9.00** Nina Conti – A Ventriiloquist's Story: Her Master's Voice **10.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **11.30** Frank Skinner on George Formby

ITV2
2.45 Film: A Little Princess (1995) **4.40** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **6.45** Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights **11.00** The Exclusives

ITV3
3.00 Murder. She Wrote **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Midsummer Murders **10.05** Wycliffe **11.15** Cracker

ITV4
11.30 British Touring Car Championship **4.00** Live French Open Tennis **8.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **10.00** Euroeddon: Why England Shouldn't Win Euro 2012 **11.00** Film: Scarface (1993)

E4
3.10 Glee **4.25** 90210 **5.20** The Big Bang Theory **6.15** Revenge **7.15** Film: Honey, I Blew Up the Kid (1992) Comedy, with Rick Moranis. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** Don't Trust the B-**** in Apartment 23

Film4
3.15 Inspector Gadget (1999) **4.50** Ladyhawke (1985) **7.20** Hot Shots! Part Deux (1993) **9.00** Premonition (2007) **10.50** Under Siege (1992)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 Antiques Road Trip. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 Britain in a Day. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 The Secret History of Theroux: Twilight of the Porn Stars. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Euro 2012 Live. France v England (Kick-off 5.00pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage of the opening clash in Group D from the Donbass Arena in Donetsk, Ukraine. 7.30 Regional News; Weather. 7.45 ITV News; Weather. 8.00 Coronation Street. 9.00 Benidorm. (R) 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.35 Euro 2012 Highlights. 11.35 In Plain Sight. (R) 12.30 Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. 13.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Three in a Bed. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson 'Lone Rider'. (R) 1.10 Film: Shenandoah. (1965) American Civil War Western, starring James Stewart. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Murdoch, Cameron & the £8 Billion Deal. Channel 4 Dispatches. 8.30 Gok Cooks Chinese. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Jubilee Special. (R) 10.50 The Hoarder Nest Door. (R) 11.50 Random Acts. 11.55 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. (R) 1.00 Random. (R) 2.05 Film: Candy. (2006) Drama, starring Heath Ledger. 3.50 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.05 Summer Solstice. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Cricket on 5. 5 News Update. 8.00 The Restaurant Inspector. Fernando Peire advises a struggling French restaurant in East Sussex. 9 News at 9. 9.00 Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours. 10.00 The Walking Dead. Daryl finds Sophia's doll, only to be thrown from his horse and injured, leaving him open to attack from walkers. Glenn discovers a horrible secret in the barn. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. Emma Willis reports on developments in the house. 12.00 Sons of Anarchy. 1.00 SuperCasino. 3.55 House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather. Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show: Best of Britain. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holly City. 9.00 Silk. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. National Lottery Update. 10.35 A Great British Story. 11.05 Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. 11.55 Film: The Rainmaker. (1997) Legal drama, starring Matt Damon. 2.05 Weatherview. 2.10 Sign Zone: The Apprentice: The Final. (R) 3.10 Death Unexplained. (R) 3.50 Crime and Punishment. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 Antiques Road Trip. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 Great Britain's Strongest Man. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 The Secret History of Our Streets. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 You've Been Framed! (R) 4.30 Euro 2012 Live. Greece v Czech Republic (Kick-off 5.00pm). 7.00 Regional News; Weather. 7.10 ITV News; Weather. 7.20 Euro 2012 Live. Poland v Russia (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.35 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Constantine. (2005) Supernatural thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. 12.50 Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. 3.00 Loose Women. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Three in a Bed. (R) 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.20 Film: Gideon of Scotland Yard. (1958) Police drama, starring Jack Hawkins. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Random Acts. 12.10 Poker. 1.15 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 1.45 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 2.10 Beach Volleyball. (R) 3.05 The Grid. (R) 3.30 Volkswagen Racing Cup. (R) 4.00 FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. 4.25 Freeports on 4. (R) 4.55 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) 5.20 Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Cowboy Builders: (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Killers Behind Bars: The Untold Story. 5 News at 9. 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. DB investigates a serial killer with a fetish for women's hair. 10.00 Big Brother: The ups and downs of life in the house. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. Emma Willis presents the live Big Brother round-up, including the usual debates, features, insights and gossip. 12.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 4.00 Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) 4.15 HouseBusters. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather. Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Netherlands v Germany (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Film: Face/Off. (1997) Action thriller, starring John Travolta and Nicolas Cage. National Lottery Update. 12.55 Weatherview. 1.00 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.30 Great Ormond Street. (R) 2.30 The Town Taking on China. (R) 3.30 Fake Britain. (R) 4.15 Great British Menu. (R) 4.45 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 Antiques Road Trip. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 The Secret History of Our Streets. 10.30 Soles in the Road. 2.05 Rock n' Roll Revisited - Get It On. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Fish Market: Inside Billingsgate. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 You've Been Framed! (R) 4.30 Euro 2012 Live. Denmark v Portugal (Kick-off 5.00pm). The second round of Group B fixtures gets under way with this clash at the Arena Lviv in Ukraine. Presented by Adrian Chiles. 7.00 Regional News; Weather. 7.15 ITV News; Weather. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.35 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Euro 2012 Highlights. 11.35 Perspectives: Robson Green and the Pilmen Painters. (R) 12.35 Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 British Touring Car Championship. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Three in a Bed. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Presents - Oscar Pistorius 'One Giant Leap'. (R) 1.10 Film: Only the Valiant. (1951) Western, starring Gregory Peck. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Secret Eaters. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 A Short History of Everything Else. 11.30 The Killing. 11.30 Random Acts. 11.35 2 Broke Girls. 12.00 Desperate Housewives. 12.55 Music on 4: Subculture. 5.10 Music on 4: Roots Presents: Twin Atlantic. 1.25 Music on 4: Spotlight. 1.40 Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) 1.55 Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. (R) 2.05 Music on 4: The Crush. 3.05 Southland. 3.45 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 3.15 Film: A Perfect Day. (2006) Drama, starring Rob Lowe. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Police Interceptors: (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 and Emergency Eaters. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 Big Brother: The housemates continue their on-camera holiday. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. Emma Willis and her guests discuss how the housemates are getting on. 12.00 Poker: The Big Game. 1.00 SuperCasino. 3.55 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 HouseBusters. (R) 4.45 Great Scientists. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather. Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 4.45 Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Italy v Croatia (Kick-off 5.00pm). 7.00 BBC News; Weather. 7.20 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.30 EastEnders. 8.00 Britain's Lost Routes with Giff Rhys Jones. 9.00 Call the Midwife. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Question Time. 11.35 Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. 12.35 Holiday Weatherview. 12.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 1.40 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 2.40 Fake Britain. (R) 3.25 Great British Menu. (R) 3.55 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.25 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 Antiques Road Trip. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 The Men Who Made Us. 10.00 The Secret History of Our Streets. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Week. 12.05 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.20 ITV News; Weather. 6.45 Emmerdale. 7.15 Euro 2012 Live. Spain v Republic of Ireland (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.35 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Richard Madeley. (R) 11.35 The Late Debate. 12.05 Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 Channel 4 Presents - London Dreaming. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Three in a Bed. (R) 1.00 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.10 Film: The Bedford Incident. (1965) Cold War thriller, starring Richard Widmark. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Channel 4 House Rescue. 9.00 The House the 50s Built. 10.20 24 Hours in A&E. (R) 11.05 Random Acts. 11.35 Jim and the Gherkin. 12.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.10 The Secret Millionaire. (R) 1.05 All in the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry. (R) 2.00 Murdoch, Cameron & the £8 Billion Deal: Channel 4 Dispatches. (R) 2.30 Unreported World. (R) 3.00 Time Team USA. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. (R) 4.50 Countdown. (R) 5.35 My Eden. (R) 5.40 Glamour Puds. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 Rough Guide: Ultimate Escapes. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 3.15 Film: Carnal Innocence. (2011) Premiere. Thriller, starring Gabrielle Anwar. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Big Body Squad: (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Marco Pierre White's Kitchen Wars: 5 News at 9. 9.00 The Girl with 90 Per Cent Burns: Extraordinary people. New series. The stories of three young people fighting medical challenges, beginning with 15-year-old Terri Calvesbert, who suffered devastating burns in a house fire as a toddler. 10.00 Big Brother. More from the house. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 SuperCasino. 3.55 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 Great Scientists. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships quarter-finals. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition: The Culture Show. 7.00 Antiques Road Trip. 8.00 Gardeners' World. From Gardeners' World Live at the NEC in Birmingham. 9.00 The Great British Story: A People's History. 10.00 Episodes. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 The Review Show. 12.00 Weather. 12.05 Film: Kluge. (1971) Thriller, starring Donald Sutherland and Jane Fonda. 1.55 Taken. (R) 3.15 BBC News. 4.05 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 You've Been Framed! (R) 4.30 Euro 2012 Live. Ukraine v France (Kick-off 5.00pm). 7.00 Regional News; Weather. 7.15 ITV News; Weather. 7.30 Emmerdale. 8.00 Lewis. (R) 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.35 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Euro 2012 Highlights. 11.35 Film: Dante's Peak. (1997) Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosnan. 1.25 The Store. ITV News Headlines. 3.30 Film: Care Bears: Journey to Joke-a-Lot. (2004) Animation, with the voice of Julie Lemieux. 4.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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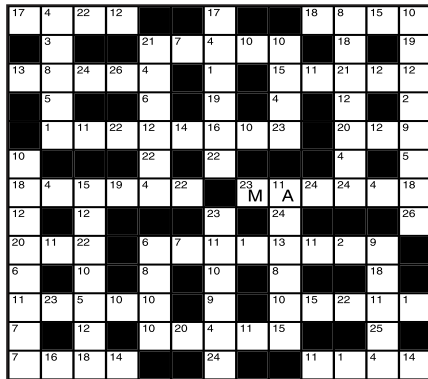
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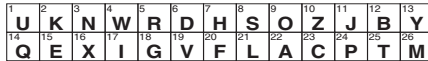
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

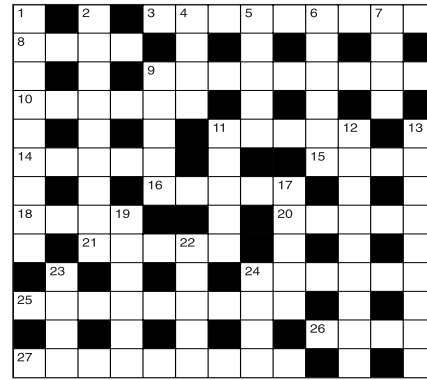
Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. With assurance, indeed (9)
8. Well-produced paintings? (4)
9. A reckoning that comes to nothing (5,4)
10. Revolutionary type of public legislation (3,3)
11. We hope the list includes her (5)
14. To be so, use some shorter sentences (5)
15. Sweet tryst? (4)
16. It's the last in the home games (5)
18. Satisfies a consuming passion (4)
20. Strong drink? (5)
21. Gets saner, perhaps (5)
24. Scarcity of thread, possibly (6)
25. Just the type to make a good look-out? (9)
26. Peruvian began incautiously (4)
27. They may be suspended from the works - on account of timekeeping? (9)

Down

1. Did something and was sent to prison (9)
2. Complicated tale a bore will add even more detail to (9)
4. It was enough for our ancestors (4)
5. It may be held up or down (5)
6. 3 Across in action (6)
7. Type of linen one may walk on (4)
9. Came to nothing artistically (5)
11. Vessels were wrecked on the point (5)
12. I rub along, somehow, working hard (9)
13. Proceeded -- to take the lead? (4,5)
17. A fool, and French, but worth having (5)
19. Finally massacred something holy (6)
22. Entertainment of a new kind? (5)
23. A centre of revolution (4)
24. This Major is an N.C.O. (4)



Quick Clues:

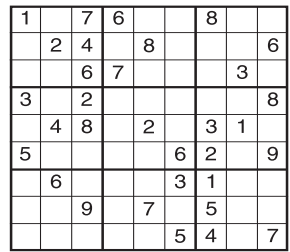
Across

3. Try (9)
8. Plunder (4)
9. Rectory (9)
10. Secret (6)
11. Church council (5)
14. Couch (5)
15. Split (4)
16. Flagrant (5)
18. Rip (4)
20. Commerce (5)
21. Dog-lead (5)
24. Apart from (6)
25. Two-sided (9)
26. Chief (4)
27. Unfruitfulness (9)

Down

1. Make clear (9)
2. Jolly (9)
4. Trim (4)
5. Written composition (5)
6. Seller (6)
7. Impel (4)
9. Time (5)
11. Laziness (5)
12. Denial (9)
13. Servant (9)
17. Harden (5)
19. Mend (6)
22. Pilfer (5)
23. Elevate (4)
24. Allurement (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION >

8	3	9	2	1	6	5	4	7
5	4	6	3	7	9	2	8	1
1	2	7	8	5	4	6	3	9
2	1	8	4	3	7	9	5	6
7	6	3	5	9	8	1	2	4
9	5	4	1	6	2	3	7	8
3	9	5	7	4	1	8	6	2
6	7	2	9	8	5	4	1	3
4	8	1	6	2	3	7	9	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Dace; 3 Prompter; 8 Erne; 9 Obedient; 11 Sheet of flame; 13 Relays; 14 Creche; 17 Putting it off; 20 Outdoors; 21 Asia; 22 Relieved; 23 Isle. Down: 1 Dressers; 2 Cortical; 4 Rebuff; 5 Model train; 6 Therm; 7 Rite; 10 Stay-at-home; 12 Selfsame; 15 Crosses; 16 Untrue; 18 Until; 19 Moor. QUICK - Across: 1 Bide; 3 Prepared; 8 Dash; 9 Estrange; 11 Proclamation; 13 Sedate; 14 Tomato; 17 Telegraphist; 20 Crippled; 21 Rate; 22 Designer; 23 Less. Down: 1 Budapest; 2 Discard; 4 Resume; 5 Paratroops; 6 Rondo; 7 Dies; 10 Clothes peg; 12 Fortress; 15 Agitate; 16 Grieve; 18 Edits; 19 Acid.

LAST WEEK'S CIRCLEGRAM SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is K. Mazurka, Cakewalk, Kazachok, all dances.



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A visit to the truly magical Alnwick Garden, one of the most talked about and remarkable garden transformations of recent times, and Holy Island, or Lindisfarne as it's often known, cradle of English Christianity, are just two of the highlights of this weekend. Includes entrance to Alnwick garden and visits to Durham, Bamburgh and Lindisfarne.

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Barratt West Midlands is so confident in its new homes that various fittings come with a long guarantee

Property fittings with a five-year guarantee

LEADING housebuilder Barratt West Midlands is giving the purchaser of its Woodbridge-style house at Willis Place in Worcester fitted carpets and white goods.

The white goods and fitted carpets will be given to the purchasers of the Woodbridge style home at Willis Place who reserves the property and goes on to legally complete on the sale before June 22.

"Buying a house is a big investment and we would like to make the move to our Woodbridge-style home the best moving experience possible," comments Graydon Worthing, sales director for Barratt West Midlands. "Therefore we are giving the purchasers of our Woodbridge-style home fitted carpets and white goods including a dishwasher and fridge freezer.

"This isn't all we are doing to make moving easier at our Willis Place development. We also have our part exchange scheme available here where homebuyers can sit back and relax while we do all the hard work. Plus, purchasers can be confident they are getting the best possible price for their

existing property." With part exchange all purchasers need to do is reserve their new Barratt house, then the company arranges for their existing property to be inspected by two independent valuers and makes a fair offer based on the average of the two valuations.

The Woodbridge is a four-bedroom family house. The ground floor comprises a spacious lounge and dining area with French doors leading to the rear garden and a fully fitted kitchen.

To the first floor are two double bedrooms, a single bedroom and a family bathroom.

Reserving

The master bedroom is located on the second floor which has a dressing area and modern en suite.

"By reserving now you could be settled into your new Woodbridge house before the summer holiday period. With your fitted carpets and already installed dishwasher and fridge freezer the summer will get off to a great start. All you have to do is legally complete on the sale before June 22."

Willis Place is located on Bransford Road in the St John's area of Worcester. The city of Worcester is not too far

away and provides a vast range of local amenities and entertainment, there is also an excellent choice of primary and secondary schools, colleges and Worcester University for higher education.

The four-bedroom Woodbridge is now priced from £229,950. Willis Place also offers a range of one- and two-bedroom apartments prices from £105,950 and three- and four-bedroom houses priced from £239,950.

For more information, contact the sales centre on 01905 422 156 open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Alternatively, call the sales information centre on 0844 811 9933 – open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm or log on to www.barrattthomes.co.uk/willisplace

For added peace of mind, buyers can also benefit from Barratt's exclusive five-year guarantee on fixtures and fittings in their new home at the time of purchase.

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Stylist's flair for new show home

THERE'S a rare opportunity for one lucky purchaser to own a professionally styled brand new home in Kidderminster, courtesy of Elan Homes.

Following sales success at The Briars, the quality developer has released the Bordesley show home for sale.

On the market at £309,995, the detached four-bedroom property has been tastefully decorated by a team of professional interior designers to showcase all that the homes at the intimate development have to offer.

Marie Morris, sales director for Elan Homes in the north, says: "Show homes are a great marketing tool, enabling prospective purchasers to imagine what they could be like as lived in homes. The Bordesley has been much admired by visitors to The Briars who have been impressed by both the layout and the decor. While many will have tried to replicate the looks created by the designers, only one customer will be able to purchase the stylish show home."

The Bordesley is an elegant property with a spacious lounge at the front, that's flooded with natural light from a bay window; while to the rear there's an open plan kitchen with combined breakfast area, family room and dining room with patio doors that lead out to the garden. Upstairs, the master bedroom benefits from an en suite with the family bathroom serving the



The Bordesley show home has been released for sale

remaining three-bedrooms.

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Been tastefully refurbished and close to Brierley Hill Town centre, is this large family terraced house, comprising of: Three Bedrooms, Spacious Lounge with Bay Window, Large Fitted Kitchen, House Bathroom with Shower, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Driveway Parking, Medium Sized Rear Garden
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A refurbished large detached house comprising of: Three Double Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Large Bathroom with White Suite and Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazed, Small Back Garden and Driveway for One Car. Available End June.
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Being recently fully refurbished is this unfurnished semi detached house, comprising of: Two Double Bedrooms, Master with En-Suite Shower Room and One Single Bedroom, Modern Fitted Kitchen with White Goods, Downstairs Bathroom with Shower, Lounge, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front and Rear Gardens, Driveway for One Car. Available Early June.
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MG now launching new scheme to aid local businesses

MG MOTOR UK is launching a scheme for employees of local industry, councils and other organisations.

Membership of the first MG Privileged Members Car Scheme is being offered to the 46,000 people who work for Birmingham City Council. Other schemes will follow shortly.

The new leader of the council, Sir Albert Bore, pledged his commitment to MG Motor UK and the council workforce when he launched the first partnership car scheme and said he was keen for others in the private and public sector to follow.

"Our policy is to buy Birmingham wherever possible. This will create work in the city and get our people back in jobs," he said. "MG's new scheme will give Birmingham City Council staff an incentive to buy Birmingham when they are thinking of buying a car. This can only be good for the city."

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City is rewinding up to mark link with motoring history

COVENTRY'S connections with the motor trade will be the focus of celebrations this weekend when the city's university hosts Coventry Car Day.

The event, on Saturday June 9, is free for all visitors, and is a celebration of past, present and future cars in Coventry.

It will be held in University Square, near Coventry Cathedral, and the new Hub student building.

Coventry University will be showing over 70 veteran and vintage cars, classics, current production cars, concepts, race cars and many more.

Among the extensive array on display will be a rather special Aston Martin DB7 Vantage as well as the Coventry Transport Museum's own Alvis Speed 25 and British-built, electric vehicle The Lightning GT.

Other makes include Peugeot, Jaguar, Ferrari, Mercedes Benz and Triumph.

Coventry Car Day is proud to be celebrating cars from one end of the scale to the other starting with the Ford Evos concept car, with its futuristic gull-wing doors, which will make its UK public debut in Coventry following its starring appearance in the Frankfurt show in 2011, to the Ford Model T.

Influential

The charming 101-year old Ford is owned by local enthusiast Nigel Hugo and the model is often regarded as the most influential car of the 20th century.

The cars are not the only attraction. A symposium, held between 9am and 1pm, will feature academic and industry speakers debating the future of the car.

Thanks to Peugeot's support of the event the symposium will be free for all visitors, however numbers are limited and so online registration is essential.

Those wishing to attend this debate can register at eventsforce.net.

For those who want to take their passion for motor vehicles further, an informative careers event will take place between 11am and 2pm, attended by automotive employers and organ-



Cars old and new will be on display in historic Coventry

isations, such as Land Rover, Nissan and the Guild of Motoring Writers.

Coventry University's own careers and employability team will join these industry professionals.

Other highlights of the day are Sir Nick Scheele's annual Bugatti Lecture, which will concern the

British Motor industry over the years and its future prospects, beginning at 1.30pm, and a Car Question Time, held between 3 and 4pm, chaired by Autocar's Steve Cropley.

Visitors are, advised to register to attend these events at Coventry.ac.uk/Coventrycarday.

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MALE 58, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 to share happiness and life with. Tipton. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370649 §

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HANDSOME attractive, fit, professional trucker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring lady/mum, 31-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 219790 §

MALE 51, 6ft 2ins, honest, loyal, seeks female for friendship, relationship and romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 308785

6FT 2ins male, blue eyes, short hair, seeks loyal, honest female. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 309017

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DARK haired male, slim, blue eyes, fit, likes pubs, clubs, weekends away, seeks female, age/looks/status unimportant. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385087 §

MALE 72, N/S, active, energetic, likes caravans, days out, seeks likeminded lady. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387089

PAUL lonely, wounded, likes walks, seeks female for friendship and company. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388578 §

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Retiring Lyons will miss Perry Barr track

BIRMINGHAM speedway hero Jason Lyons says Perry Barr is one of the best tracks he has ridden during his glittering 22 year career.

The Australian will say goodbye to club and sport with a farewell meeting hosted by Selco Brummies on August 23. He's working on a top line-up for the event at a track where he enjoyed a fine four-year stint.

He said: "I always tried not to have favourite or least favourite tracks during my career, because you have got to ride them all if you want to be successful. But I must say I loved riding at Birmingham for those four years."

"When Tony Mole said he was going to put in a track for the 2007 season, and reopen the Brummies, he appointed Graham Drury as his team manager. Graham asked me to go down and said he wanted me to be the No 1. It wasn't a problem to join the Brummies, because Tony was good to work for. What was a problem was when I had a look at the track. All I could see were red flags which marked out where it was going to be."

"But when it was built I loved riding on it. It was one of the best prepared tracks around. It's one of the things I'll miss when I go home."

No Fours glory bid for Roynon

DUDLEY skipper Adam Roynon will miss out this weekend as the Heathens defend their National Fours speedway title.

The inspirational Roynon was one of the quartet which produced the club's finest moment since reforming when they lifted the trophy at Stoke in 2011.

But they'll go back to Loomer Road on Sunday (3pm) without him. Only one other fixture takes place in Britain on the day - and Roynon is riding in it. Workington's Premier League trip to Glasgow takes priority.

Dudley team boss Will Pottinger has named Tom Perry, James White-Williams, Ashley Morris - whose final-heat win clinched victory last year - and Byron Bekker, a previous Fours winner with Scunthorpe, as his team.

Battling Brummies bag all the points

BIRMINGHAM took all three Elite League points with a hard-fought Perry Barr success over Belle Vue.

The Selco Brummies were on a high after their win at Coventry, but injury-racked bottom club Belle Vue, tracking a host of guest riders, did not arrive to lie down, and there were some nervous moments before the home side reached their target.

With several visiting riders putting up a fight there were some excellent races for a big crowd to enjoy, with their side seeming to take control of the meeting with a

Birmingham Brummies 50 Belle Vue 43

5-1 from the new Danny King/Sebastian Ulemek combination over Aces guest Chris Harris in heat five.

That appeared to set the Brummies up and even though Martin Smolinski crashed three races later, the lead was extended to 12 points before Belle Vue hit back.

Harris, on a double-point tactical ride, won heat 11 for six points backed up by partner Patrick Hougaard for an 8-1.

Then it was a nervous finale with the ever-trying Brummies

man Tomasz Piszcz falling on the last bend of heat 12 when battling Adam Roynon for second place. Ben Barker superbly won the next race as Bjarne Pedersen was pegged at the back.

Ulemek and Josh Auty secured the win on the night with a heat 14 5-1, but Brummies required two points from the last race to ensure three league points, and the pressure was on when King suffered engine failure on the first lap.

Harris rounded Ulemek midway through the race to further

increase the tension for home fans, but the Pole held Hougaard at bay to see the Brummies through.

Birmingham boss Phil Morris said: "I know we got all the points but we shouldn't really have made such hard work of it."

"There are a few things we've got to try to work on; it was getting tight with three races to go and there was a bit of a panic that we weren't going to get all three points."

"The last race was a bit heart-in-mouth when Danny's bike went, so there was a bit of bad luck but we should have been further in front."

"In reality we're happy to get four points at Coventry and three here."

"We've got the points on the board, and we need to keep winning our home matches and make them three-pointers," said Morris.

Birmingham were rained off at King's Lynn last night, but host the Stars in the return at Perry Barr this evening (7.30pm).

Birmingham: Danny King 10-1, Sebastian Ulemek 10-1, Josh Auty 10-1, Bjarne Pedersen 7, Ben Barker 7, Martin Smolinski 4, Tomasz Piszcz 2-1.

Belle Vue: Chris Harris 15-1, Patrick Hougaard 10-1, Adam Roynon 7, Ricky Ashworth 6, Ales Dryml 5-2, Linus Eklof 0.

Bother with bat gives bruising to Old Hill CC

Old Hill 98, Wombourne 99-4. Wombourne won by six wickets
OLD HILL struggled with the bat and were well beaten at home by Birmingham League Division One leaders Wombourne.

The visitors won the toss, elected to field and dismissed Old Hill for just 98 after 36 overs.

Dmitri Ratnayake (29) and Nitesh Patel (17) were the top scorers. In reply, Wombourne had knocked off nearly half the runs when Seb Soukup (1-30) and Carl Whyte (1-17) grabbed a wicket apiece. Wombourne pushed on, despite Mathius Treuberg claiming 2-19 and reached the target in the 18th over.

Old Hill are at Smethwick on Saturday (noon).

Leamington 251, Old Hill 247-6. Draw

Old Hill seconds played their full part in a thriller which went to the wire.

Leamington posted 251, Mo Javaid taking 5-62 and Dan Such claiming 3-40.

Old Hill's innings started off really well with Alex Hills hitting 67, Joe Thorn making 68 and Shezad Aslam scoring 29.

But a mini-collapse in the middle order threatened to take the game away from them.

However, Bilal Mohammed (25 not out) and Hamzar Ahmed (20 not out) almost won Old Hill the game only to finish five runs short in a losing draw.

Old Hill host Bridgnorth on Saturday (12.30pm).

Old Hill 171-8, Ross-on-Wye 173-8. Ross-on-Wye won by two wickets

The thirds went close at Ross-on-Wye, only to go down by two wickets. Old Hill won the toss and opener Reece Shilcock (51) helped

Old Hill CC

them off to a decent start.

They lost four quick wickets around the 70-80 mark only for Steve Derham's 64 not out to take them to 171-8 off 50 overs.

Ross-on-Wye started well in pursuit of the target, but Old Hill's bowlers stepped up. Omar Lewis took 4-51 but Ross-on-Wye, with James Tiffen compiling an unbeaten 71, had just enough to get over the line.

Old Hill are at home to Old Vigornians on Saturday (1.30pm).

Old Hill 215-6, Stourbridge 187-4. Draw

The fourths had the better of their match with Stourbridge in a winning draw.

Alex Elsworth (23) and Izmah Khan (61) got them off to a good start and Irshad Ahmed (24) and Jonty Preece (46 not out) helped Old Hill to 215-6.

Stourbridge could not hit the run rate required for a win as Lewis Javaid took 2-53 and Alex Elsworth 1-20. Old Hill are at West Malvern on Saturday (1.30pm).

Raging Bull's story is returning to the screen

JAKE LaMOTTA insists his life story will again be immortalised on the silver screen.

The 90-year-old, world champion from 1949-51, confirmed a second film is being made about his life. He revealed the plan at a sportsman's dinner at the Mount Hotel in Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, **writes Craig Birch.**

The news came 32 years after 'Raging Bull' - starring Robert De Niro as LaMotta and directed by Martin Scorsese - dominated the 1980 Academy Awards.

And there will be a sequel - with William Forsythe attached to star as LaMotta both before and after his pro boxing career - hot on the heels of a documentary called 'Moving Ahead'. LaMotta said: "Raging Bull Two is coming out and it's going to talk about my early age in boxing."

"But there's going to be a documentary coming out right before that, it's in the works."

"Two more beautiful things are going to happen in my life and I don't know if I deserve it, or do I? I have spoken to William Forsythe and I think he will do a good job."

Nominated

"I am curious to see how it's going to come out. Robert was a great actor and, by the time I got done with him, he could have fought professionally. That's how good he was."

"In the beginning, when we were sparring, he was afraid to hit me. I said to him: 'You can hit me all you want, because you are not going to hurt me.'"

"The film was nominated for eight Academy awards and landed De Niro an Oscar for Best Actor. I wanted to play myself in the movie but the producer said I wasn't the type!"

LaMotta has been married a further three times and aged 46 years since the timescale of the original 'Raging Bull' came to an end. Today, he's engaged to be wed for a sixth time, to fiancée Denise.

That happiness contrasts with his most infamous act, openly throwing a fight for the Mafia against Billy Fox. It got the New York-born Italian-American his world title-winning shot against Marcel Cerdan in 1949 and still cuts deep.

He said: "It was the Mafia era. They made me do something I didn't want to do so I could get the chance to fight for the middleweight championship of the world."

"And, if I had to do it all over again, I think I would have done the same thing."



Former boxer Jake LaMotta relaxes at the Mount Hotel, in Mount Road, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton

Khan is caught going for a vital six

Barnt Green (24pts) 203-7, West Brom Dartmouth (5pts) 198.

Barnt Green won by five runs
DARTMOUTH just missed out on victory in a splendid match with Birmingham League Premier champions Barnt Green.

Struggling to chase down 204 to win, Dartmouth were 35 short when last man Aatif Ali joined Imran Khan at the wicket. Yet at the start of the final over, Dartmouth needed nine runs to secure a winning draw and 18 to gain outright victory.

Khan hit sixes off the second and fourth balls but perished off the last one, trying to clear the ropes with the six that would have won the game.

Earlier Ali, with four wickets, and Juneed Zaman with a brace, had restricted Green to 203-7 from their 49 overs.

Rain meant Dartmouth had just 45 overs in reply but they began badly, losing James Campbell and Rawlston Tappin for ducks. Navi Poonia led the recovery with a 51-ball 60 but his dismissal sparked a collapse to 113-7. Hafeez Khan and veteran Amir Farooque then took the score to 169 before both were dismissed.

On Saturday Dartmouth hope to see the return of Kadeer Ali and Ateeq Javid to the side for the visit to Himley.

Barnt Green 139, West Brom Dartmouth 140-7. Dartmouth won by three wickets

Dartmouth's seconds scored a notable victory in the return match at Barnt Green. Sohail Khan was the hero, taking 6-24 as Barnt Green fell to 139 all out. Sohail's haul included the notable scalp of Dougie Brown. Vijay Patel (40) and Kiran Patel (27) led Dartmouth to victory at 140-7.

West Brom Dartmouth 155-8, Lichfield 157-2.

Lichfield won by eight wickets

The thirds suffered a heavy defeat at Lichfield.

Prabjot Singh's 48 not out and 38 from Mohammed Hसनain took Dartmouth to a total of 155-8, but it proved to be far too few as Lichfield cruised to victory at 157-2.

Cannock and Rugeley 258-6, West Brom Dartmouth 89. Cannock and Rugeley won by 169 runs

The fourths were also heavily beaten, at home to Cannock and Rugeley.

Billy Lacey took 3-57 as the visitors amassed 258-6. Despite 33 from Nathan Blackwood, Dartmouth slumped to 89 all out.

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Cougars to take on 25 teams in new round

COSELEY COUGARS get back on track in the Elite Karting League on Sunday.

The Cougars, who feature several Sandwell drivers, will be among 26 teams taking part in round two at Ellough Park, Suffolk.

The new series is bringing together a wide variety of talented karters bidding to become the national team champions.

The first event last month at Bayford Meadows in Kent was hailed as a great success, with more than 100 karters taking part.

At round one, Hereford Heroes scooped the Race of Champions cash prize, taking home £625, but Teamsport Tornadoes lead the overall team standings.

Matchams Machines are close behind with Birmingham Wheels Bullets and Pontefract Pirates in third and fourth respectively. Hereford Heroes lie fifth with Cambridge Cobras rounding out the top six.

The Cougars had mixed fortunes at the Kent round and will be looking to move up the table from their current 15th position.

They will be led by 29-year-old Chris Cheetham, from Wednesday, who was 25th out of 101 drivers in round one.

For more details on taking part in the event, visit fb.com/thekartingleague

Thai boxing champion in K-star return

BIRMINGHAM'S Tower Ballroom stages a big night of Thai boxing on Sunday, June 24.

Damien Trainor takes on Andy Howson at the top of the bill – the fourth time they have met.

Trainor broke a hand in their first meeting, forcing him to pull out during the bout.

Subsequent meetings between the two, who have each won world titles, saw one win apiece.

A full undercard includes the return to the ring of Gareth Richards, of the Birmingham K-Star club.

Former IKF English cruiserweight champion Richards makes his comeback after nearly four years and tackles Cardiff-based Charles 'The Panther' Sikwa.

Ticket details: 0121 331 4074 or go to the website www.k-starthaiboxing.com

Bowlers tighten it up for Halesowen

HALESOWEN batted out safely to claim a draw against Water Orton in Division Two at Seth Somers Park.

The visitors had threatened a really big total as all but one of their top seven made a start. But only opener Edward Harris (55) and Grant Roscoria (63) managed to kick on in a total of 244-9 as Halesowen knuckled down with the ball. Daniel Jeavons claimed 3-61 and Asif Khan 3-56 for Halesowen, while Jack Warren took 2-66.

Halesowen's reply mirrored the Water Orton effort with several of the top order getting set. Mohammed Shoaib (58), Shafiq Ahmed (49) and Phillip Croft (44) all con-

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tributed as Halesowen totalled 237-7 for a losing draw.

Christiaan Jonker led Premier Division leaders Walsall to a fifth straight win.

The South African plundered an unbeaten 132 as Walsall catered to a nine-wicket success at Wellington.

Replying to the home side's 193, Jonker made short work of the victory chase with 13 fours and six sixes in his 90-ball innings. Ben McFarlane had earlier bagged 3-41 with the ball for Walsall.

Wolverhampton's early-season charge

was checked following a second successive defeat. The Danescourt men suffered an off-day with the bat as they were rolled over for 99 in a five-wicket loss to Berkswell.

Marc Edwards (93) and Neil Pinner (73) saw Kidderminster Vics to 258-5 against Knowle & Dorridge (204-7).

Himley secured a winning draw against Shrewsbury. Chris Tranter (65) and Greg Wright (54) were among the runs in a total of 238-6.

Ashfaq Hussein (5-29) impressed with the ball but Shrewsbury (123-9) held on.

Smethwick eased to a 126-run victory over Shifnal. Wajid Hussein (66) and War-

wickshire's Neil Carter (55) were in the runs as Smethwick posted 230-9 before Kuldeep Diwan took 6-17 as Shifnal fell for 104.

Brewood climbed to the top of Division Two following a 49-run success against Old Elizabethans. Richard Bradford (60) and Cameron Fox (42) steered Brewood to 216-8 before Jamie Lunn (3-38) helped dismiss the visitors for 167.

Fordhouses' Ejaz Yousaf took 5-21 against Eastnor (167), but was on a loser as Fordhouses were shot out for 83.

Stourbridge suffered their first loss in Division Three with a 71-run reverse to Oswestry.

ALBION DECISION DUE WITHIN DAYS

ALBION plan to appoint their new head coach by the end of this week – with leading contender Ralf Rangnick also set to decide his future before the weekend.

The Baggies' hunt for Roy Hodgson's successor is in its sixth week with the club remaining tight-lipped on the search. But there are indications that the process is entering its final stages, with Rangnick's agent claiming more talks are planned with the Baggies.

Agent Oliver Mintzlauff said: "West Bromwich Albion gave us time for consideration. An offer was made and we will meet up this week for a final decision."

While Albion insist no formal offer has been made, the club are known to have held several meetings with the 53-year-old.

But it is understood they still have alternative candidates in mind.

Potential

Sources close to former Charlton and West Ham boss Alan Curbishley, ex-Baggies No.2 Michael Appleton and Brighton manager Guy Poyet, who have all been mentioned as potential candidates, have privately played down the links.

Liverpool assistant boss Steve Clarke, who looks set to be surplus to requirements at Anfield under new boss Brendan Rodgers, and Manchester United No.2 Mike Phelan have both been sounded out.

Birmingham City boss Chris Hughton was favourite when Hodgson left for the England job.

But the Baggies ditched a move on Monday with Blues looking for £2m in compensation and not wanting to damage relations with their neighbours.

by Steve Madeley

And City have now granted Norwich permission to speak to Hughton as Canaries boss Paul Lambert, who quit Carrow Road last week, was unveiled as the new Villa boss.

The Canaries were linked with Cardiff manager Malky Mackay but he ruled himself out of the running, leaving Hughton the only man in the frame.

Blues assistant manager Colin Calderwood, first-team coach Paul Trollope and goalkeeping guru Dave Watson will join Hughton. Compensation has been approved between the two.

A departure for Hughton would mean Wolves, Albion, Villa and Blues have all changed their manager since the end of the season.

Hughton impressed Albion 16 months ago when he was interviewed before Hodgson eventually replaced Roberto Di Matteo.

Albion have spoken to Blues twice since the end of the season.

Hughton replaced Alex McLeish when the Scot joined Villa 12 months ago and guided Blues to fourth in the Championship before they lost 3-2 on aggregate to Blackpool in the play-offs.

Mellow Yelloly beats Spa's driving rain



Nick Yelloly, left, on the podium at Spa-Francorchamps with Kevin Magnussen and Robin Frijns

RACING driver Nick Yelloly mastered treacherous weather conditions at Belgium's legendary Spa-Francorchamps circuit to finish second in the Formula Renault 3.5 event's second race.

It was only the second time that the MSA Team UK driver had raced at the track.

Saturday's qualifying session took place under warm and dry conditions and Solihull-based Yelloly, struggling with balance and understeer on the

car, finished 13th on the grid. Yelloly pulled off some good passing manoeuvres and finished ninth.

Sunday's qualifying session saw pouring rain but he qualified sixth, promoted to fifth after Sam Bird was relegated to last place due to a fuel irregularity. With the rain continuing to pour, the second race was started under safety car conditions.

On lap three the drivers were released and one lap later Yelloly snatched fourth place from Lewis

Williamson. On lap seven Jules Bianchi made his mandatory pitstop and one lap later Robin Frijns pitted, elevating Yelloly to second.

By making a late pitstop on lap nine, Yelloly was able to jump Bianchi and Frijns in the pits and rejoined the track in the equivalent of second place.

On lap nine the race was stopped then restarted under safety car conditions and Yelloly thought it too dangerous to try to pass first-placed Kevin Magnussen.

Pair stay on course for Grand Prix series

BIRMINGHAM speedway duo Ben Barker and Martin Smolinski are still on course for next year's world championship Grand Prix series.

They edged through from their qualifier in St Johann, Austria, with eight points each in a meeting won by former Poole man Leon Madsen ahead of Joonas Kylmakorpi (Eastbourne).

Other qualifiers were Belle Vue's Patrick Hougaard, former Swindon man Jurica Pavlic, Swede Thomas H Jonasson, Slovenian star Matej Zagar and Poole's Polish ace Adrian Miedzinski.

Selco Brummies man Barker said: "It was obviously a relief to go through, even with a fall in one of my races. If I had stayed on the bike I could have finished on the rostrum."

The remaining quarter-finals take place at Tarnow (Poland), Gustrow (Germany), Miskolc (Hungary) and Berwick on June 16.

Barker and Smolinski were returning to the UK to take their place in the Brummies team for their home match with King's Lynn tonight. Last night's away fixture against the Stars was rained off.

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